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Bank of Hawaii's main branch located at the Marina Heights Business Park in Puerto Rico will be closing at the end of the business day on Dec. 31, 2015.  
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## BoH to close current branches; new branch to open in 2016

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REPORTER

Bank of Hawaii will be closing their current branches on island and will be opening a new office on Saipan.

According to a letter signed by BoH West Pacific Region vice president Hobbs Lowson that was sent out to customers, the BoH main branch located at Marina Heights Business Park in Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Puerto

Rico will be closing at the end of the business day on Dec. 31, 2015.

All checking, savings, time deposit, and loan accounts from that branch will be temporarily transferred to the Chalan Kanoa branch at the Town House

Shopping Center on Beach Road from Jan. 1 until Jan. 31, 2016.

The branch located at Chalan Kanoa will then close at the end of business day on Jan. 29, 2016.

"We have appreciated the opportuni-

ty to serve you at this location and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience resulting from the closure," BoH said.

BoH will be opening a new branch in Gualo Rai at the Springs Plaza in

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## 902 letter now with White House

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REPORTER

**G**ov. Eloy S. Inos has drawn the attention of President Barack Obama to two sensitive and complicated issues he believes tests the political relationship between the United States and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands—the impending expiration of the local contract worker program in 2019, and the Department of Defense's desire to acquire new properties in the CNMI.

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## Dad allegedly locks sons inside car to play poker

A jobless man allegedly locked the doors of his car, cracked the windows open, and left his two sons inside the vehicle without food, water, and air-conditioning for several hours while playing poker in Oleai on Tuesday afternoon.

As a result, he also failed to pick up his other son from school.

» **Defendant also fails to pick up other son from school**

The 9- and 7-year-old boys were crying as they hugged their mother after their ordeal, while their 3-year-old brother just laid still and weak inside the car, according to a police report.

The mother, a teacher, was so upset that she slapped her husband, Frank Ichiro Sablan, twice in the face.

Sablan ran away when he saw her calling the police. Police, however, arrested him in the parking lot of Top Store in Kannat Tabla at 10:41pm that same day.

Sablan, 32, was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of child abuse and neglect and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$5,000 cash. He was barred from having

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## Local

# Sablan updates Kia'aina on PSS projects after Soudelor

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

Typhoon Soudelor's damage to public school facilities may require a reassessment of the first phase of a federally funded deferred maintenance project.

That DM project—the Office of Insular Affairs' "Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms" Initiative—is one of several Department of the Interior-funded projects for the CNMI Public School System.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan disclosed that during a meeting on Tuesday with Esther Kia'aina, the U.S. Department of the Interior assistant secretary for insular affairs, they discussed three Interior-funded projects: the Marianas High School's solar energy bid project, the "Connect Youth to Career" program, and the deferred maintenance project.

On the DM project, Sablan said they completed the "work plan" so hopefully they can get started with the project as soon as possible.

She said the project is one of things they are going to start working on immediately.

"We gave [Kia'aina] a run-down of our damage estimates and our list of hazard mitigation [plans] that we are working on," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

When asked how Typhoon Soudelor affects the DM project, Sablan pointed to how a lot of their projects were related to electrical systems.

In fact, "Phase 1" of the ABC initiative centers on electrical.

"There was additional damage to our electrical assessment," Sablan disclosed.

"I believe the Army Corps of Engineer or the [ABC project] consultant will probably have to revisit and see what is wrong with the additional damage to the Phase 1 project."

"I think it would be necessary to do that," Sablan said. "For example, Garapan Elementary School sustained electrical damage in their roofs—tin roofs flew away. It's not only a piece of electrical outfit now but we are talking a major outfit," she said.

Sablan said they toured Kia'aina around Marianas High School, which was heavily damaged and rained out by the storm, and informed her of their progress on the public assistance application for federal aid.

Kia'aina on Tuesday also visited the Northern Marianas College and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., among others.

During her trip in the CNMI, which reportedly ended yesterday, she focused on what the CNMI plans for its hazardous mitigation plans, and committed on Wednesday to find remaining Interior fiscal 2015 funds, including for Capital Improvement Projects, for reprogramming to meet the immediate needs of the Northern Marianas.



Sablan

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# Proposed restitution vs Melvin Ada reaches \$2.3M

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The U.S. Probation has proposed over \$500,000 in restitu-

tion it wants former Commonwealth Health Center employee Melvin G. Ada to pay for swindling the hospital of over \$1.7 million. With the

plea agreement proposing an original amount of \$1,796,441 in restitution, this would boost the total recommended restitution to \$2.3 million.

Due to the over \$500,000 increase and other changes, the U.S. government and Ada's counsel, Colin M. Thompson, agreed yesterday to ask the federal court to postpone Ada's sentencing, which is currently set for today, Friday.

In their joint request, Thompson and assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe said they want a short postponement because they need more time to review significant changes made in the final presentence investigation report filed by the U.S. Probation Office.

Backe and Thompson cited that Ada's advisory sentencing guideline range is now twice what it was in the initial presentence investigation report.

Furthermore, the lawyers said, the proposed amount of restitution owed by Ada was increased by over \$500,000.

"Additional time will thus allow the parties to evaluate the changes and decide what evidence, if any, they need to present in response," they said.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona postponed the sentencing to Nov. 17, 2015.

Ada pleaded guilty in October 2013 to 56 charges for misusing over \$1.7 million intended as payment for a medical supplier company. The original sentencing date was March 7, 2014.

Ada is a former medical supply specialist at CHC. His

wife, Leyda, used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to CHC.

Last June 26, a federal jury acquitted Leyda Ada of the charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering and money laundering, but found her guilty of perjury, which has a maximum prison term of five years. Leyda Ada will be sentenced on Nov. 13, 2015.

## Ex-CBP officer sent back to jail

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has thrown back in prison a former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer for using methamphetamine or "ice" while on pre-trial release.

Manglona revoked Bob Hajime Deleon Guerrero Yamagishi's pre-trial release on Wednesday and remanded him into the custody of the U.S. Marshal pending his sentencing, which is on Oct. 30, 2015.

Yamagishi, through court-appointed counsel Janet H. King, waived his right to an evidentiary hearing and admitted to the violation.

King requested that her client be allowed to remain on pre-trial release. She stated that the defense had no objection to place Yamagishi on house arrest.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe moved to have Yamagishi's pre-trial release be revoked pending sentencing.

Probation officer Margarita Wonenberg recommended home detention, instead of curfew.

In her petition for revocation, Wonenberg disclosed that Yamagishi tested presumptive positive for "ice" during a urinalysis test last Aug. 11 and Sept. 17.

When confronted with the results, Wonenberg said Yamagishi admitted to smoking the drug on Aug. 6 and Sept. 14.

Yamagishi also failed to attend group counseling at the Marianas Counseling Services. He submitted diluted samples during random urinalysis last Aug. 24, Sept. 3, and 7.

Wonenberg said the diluted samples showed signs of water flushing to evade a positive drug test.

Yamagishi pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud by wire after making illegal cash advance transactions on a travel charge card between July 4 and Aug. 7, 2014.

According to the indictment, Yamagishi, as then-CBP officer, made illegal cash advance transactions 28 times in July 2014 and nine times in August 2014, for a total amount of \$6,227.53.

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## 902

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Inos' letter was hand-delivered directly to the White House through the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs on Wednesday. Officials met Jason Osborne, a consultant hired for public relations and administrative support in the U.S. capitol, outside the White House to accept the letter, *Saipan Tribune* gathered yesterday. Osborne flew to D.C. on Monday.

"I believe the two sensitive and complicated matters affecting our Covenant agreement are: (i) the approaching expiration of the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW) visa classification; and the (ii) the United States Department of Defense's desire and intentions to acquire new properties in the Northern Marianas Islands (and to alter the proposed use of land already under lease)," Inos writes in his letter to Obama.

Inos' proposal had been in the works over the last year, since he declared it a goal in his inauguration speech last January. The letter comes almost a year after the contract worker program was extended to 2019 last year, and was signed last Friday, the day U.S. Department of Navy declared that further analysis of its live-fire training and bombing project in the CNMI was needed.

Inos' letter formally initiates Section 902 consultation between the White House and the CNMI pursuant to the CNMI Covenant. That agreement established the political union between the CNMI and the United States more than three decades ago. Section 902 of the Covenant allows for the CNMI and federal government to consult on issues "affecting the relationship between them."

During this consultation, the CNMI and federal government designate special representatives to consult, report on, and make recommendations on issues affecting their political relationship.

### Thousands of workers short

In his letter, Inos writes that the CNMI's economic growth and potential development will remain heavily dependent on foreign workers in the immediate short-term future, given that its total population is only slightly more than 50,000 people.

"However, the U.S. Commonwealth Worker Program is presently set to expire in 2019," Inos writes. "This program presently permits approximately 14,000 non-U.S. citizen workers to live in the Northern Marianas Islands and work in essential labor intensive and specialized industries such as in the construction and health care provider fields."

"The Northern Marianas Islands is currently undergoing significant developments, and we foresee no other way to abruptly replace these guest workers at this stage," Inos said. "For these reasons and in order

for the business community to prepare for the future, I request consultation on this important matter."

In 1978, the Covenant gave the CNMI control of local immigration. In the years following, a liberal influx of foreign workers were allowed through legislation, moving thousands from the Philippines, China, Thailand, and other countries to support a growing garment and tourism industry.

But the end of favorable international labor agreements shifted garment operations to cheaper locations.

Another nail to the industry—Public Law 110-229—transferred local immigration control to the federal government and allowed for a transition period to end in 2014. That transition period was extended last year to 2019, the current and absolute deadline the CNMI now faces.

A total of 14,000 CW visas were allotted in 2014, according to Homeland Security statistics. In 2010, the total number of unemployed U.S. workers in the CNMI amounted to only about 20 percent of its 14,958 foreign workers, according to U.S. Department of Labor. That means even if all unemployed U.S. workers joined the labor force, more than 11,000 jobs would still need to be filled by foreign workers.

"We do have a deadline," House Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said Wednesday after a meeting with Esther Kia'aina, the U.S. Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, on the issue of immigration, labor, and other issues.

"Based on our projections, we will have close to 4,000 rooms in the very near future, and that's not even including the 2,000 rooms [from Best Sunshine International, Ltd.]," Guerrero said.

"There are projections between 7,000 to 11,000 jobs that will have to be filled. And if Congress is going to eventually zero out these [workers], how are we to meet those demands?"

"This issue is the main issue," Guerrero said, referring to the 902 talks. "...The federal government needs to realize that tourism is our bread and butter, and that these developments are in tourism and that even if every person on this island, every U.S. citizen, is employed, we still have a void. And that's the challenge right now."

Guerrero said Kia'aina told them to come up with more accurate projections, be more specific in which sectors need more employees, and in what positions.

"And to bring those over to Congress," Guerrero said. "We need to make them understand with real data what we are facing," and have them grant the flexibility to decision-makers to extend the program or maybe "change the law to give us some type of exemption," Guerrero said.

### 'CW law needs revisiting'

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), who has reportedly expressed interest in participating in the 902 talks, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the Commonwealth is at a very critical juncture in "realizing much needed new and large scale developments." Demapan chairs the House Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations.

"These new investments will require thousands of skilled workers that are not readily available in our local workforce," he said. "There is a severe imbalance that exists and if not addressed in a timely manner, our economic growth will be greatly compromised."

"Understandably, when U.S. Public Law 110-229 was enacted, it gave rise to a transition period that would eventually lead to a complete phase out. However, this methodology needs to be revisited, given the limited population of skilled U.S. citizen workers available here. And even if we wanted to entice U.S. citizens from the U.S. mainland to take on jobs here, our geographic remoteness makes it difficult to attract them."

"What's even more troubling is the removal of the U.S. Secretary of Labor's discretionary authority to extend the transition period in accordance with the labor needs of the Commonwealth. I thank Assistant Secretary Kia'aina for revealing this information to us because clearly, this came as a shock to the local leadership."

"I question this move as it does not provide any form of flexibility for the Commonwealth when the deadline arrives. This is not economically sensible. The discretionary authority should not have been removed. What we have here is another example of policy decisions being made in Washington without regard for the economic wellbeing of the people of the Commonwealth. This is definitely an issue that I'd like to see taken up in the 902 talks."

"Oftentimes, the small insular areas like the CNMI are overlooked in national politics, but as local leaders, we cannot sit idly and let this pass. We need to keep pressing the issue. We need to make our voices heard in Washington. I am hopeful that come time for the 902 talks, the White House will heed the concerns of the Commonwealth. We are not asking for any form of preferential treatment. All we are asking for is the opportunity to expand our economic growth so that we can enhance the standard of living for all who call the CNMI home," Demapan said.

### Military's radical impact

In his letter, Inos also cited the Navy's "CNMI Joint Military Training Project," which proposes to construct live-fire training ranges on Tinian and Pagan.

"I believe Section 902 consultation is appropriate under the present circumstances as the recently proposed Department of Defense activities in the North-

ern Marianas Islands will—if carried out as planned—radically impact the fragile marine and terrestrial ecosystem and the quality of life for the citizens and residents living here," Inos said. "Moreover, the Department of Defense's proposed projects will fundamentally alter existing land lease agreements entered into by the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States nearly 40 years ago."

"In sum, I do not believe that the environmental law process is the appropriate forum in which the Northern Mariana Islands should address or respond to the Department of Defense's efforts to, in effect, unilaterally amend existing land agreements or acquire new lands for additional defense related purposes. The acquisition and use of land in the Northern Mariana Islands by the military was the most important and contentious issue negotiated by F. Haydn Williams [U.S. Ambassador to Micronesia] and the members of the Marianas Future Political Status Commission. The Department of Defense's present day intentions will, in effect, amend the Covenant and other technical documents. This is a serious issue ripe for consultations."

Inos is talking about are two salient legal agreements that officials believed will be violated or altered by the Navy's live-fire plans, if carried out. They are the CNMI Covenant, and the Technical Agreement Regarding Use of Land by the United States in the Northern Marianas Islands. Both documents were signed and executed simultaneously nearly 40 decades ago. The agreements describe the "principles which will govern the social structure relations between the United States military and the Northern Mariana Islands civil authorities," according to the Covenant.

In the original lease—which gave up two-thirds of Tinian land and the entire Farallon de Medinilla to Defense—the intent was to install a military base on Tinian to be called the "Joint Military Service Military Airbase," as described in the technical agreement.

Administration officials involved in the drafting of the 902 letter believe the Covenant and technical agreements—as they were signed and executed together—are meant to be read and understood in tandem.

The Navy's live-fire project appears to pivot on these plans, as the U.S. military shifts on Obama's Pacific pivot.

Inos said the live-fire project threatens the CNMI-U.S. partnership, with its proposed take of the entire island of Pagan for large-scale, live-fire training (including artillery, aerial, and ship-to-shore bombardment) and to radically and unilaterally alter the previously agreed activities carried out on the military use portion of the island of Tinian.

Dentons LLC, a firm hired by the Inos administration to review the live-fire project, argues that the Navy's project is "fundamentally incompatible" with these ap-

plicable land use agreements.

"The lease agreement governing the military use of Tinian requires that the Navy restore and remediate damage to the island at the close of the lease period. The [draft environmental impact statement] admits that the CJMT will result in permanent environmental impacts that cannot be remedied, raising very significant questions about whether the CJMT is consistent with the lease."

"The Draft EIS seems to assume that the Navy has an existing right to the groundwater underlying the island of Tinian. Neither the Covenant...nor the Technical Lease Agreement...nor any of the lease agreements between the United States and the CNMI appears to provide such water right," Denton said.

"In executing the Covenant governing its relations with

the CNMI, the United States pledged to 'continue to recognize and respect the scarcity and special importance of land in the Northern Mariana Islands,'" Dentons said. "Among other things, the Covenant provides that the United States will minimize its acquisition of land within the Commonwealth and will refrain from any involuntary acquisition unless absolutely necessary. The Covenant also states that the United States does not anticipate any need for military use of Pagan."

"The portion of the CJMT proposed for Pagan appears to violate each of these principles: It would involve a substantial acquisition of land against the will of the people; and it would authorize the acquisition of an interest in the entire island of Pagan even though only a portion would be used," Dentons said.

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any contact with his wife, their children, the school where his wife works, and from all poker arcades.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig was appointed as counsel for Sablan. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

Preliminary hearing will be on Oct. 15 at 9am.

Police responded to Lucky De Mart in Dandan in response to the call of the defendant's wife. Investigation showed that earlier that day, Sablan drove to Sunny Poker in Oleai with his sons, ages 7 and 3 years old.

Upon arriving at Sunny Poker, Sablan turned off the car, locked the doors, cracked the windows open, and went inside the arcade to play poker, leaving the two children inside the vehicle.

Police believe that Sablan left the two children in the car for several hours without food, water, and no air-conditioning.

The 9-year-old son who wasn't picked up at San Vicente Elementary School decided to walk to the school where his mother works. It was at the San Vicente traffic signal light when Sablan arrived and picked up the boy.

The wife told police that she was in her classroom when Sablan came to pick her up at 4:30pm. He immediately began apologizing to his wife, telling her how sorry he was and that "temptation" had gotten to him.

Not wanting to cause a scene in school, the wife proceeded to their car. Upon opening the car's door, the two older sons leaped into their mother's arms, crying, and telling her what their father did.

The 7-year-old boy told their mother how their father brought them to a place and locked them inside the car and told them to wait.

The boy said it was so hot inside the car that his cheeks were getting really hot. He said his 3-year-old brother was just lying down on his side, "like he was going to sleep."

The 9-year-old son was also crying as he hugged his mother, telling her how he waited for his father to pick him up from school. The boy decided to walk on his way to his mother's job-site. His father finally picked him up as he was at the San Vicente traffic light near San Vicente Church.

The mother saw that her 3-year-old son appeared weak and exhausted in the car.

After slapping Sablan, the wife called the police and asked them to meet her at Lucky De Mart.

Police said the wife revealed that she has been living in constant fear because of Sablan's disregard for the law by continually violating a temporary restraining order that prohibited him from harassing and contacting her.

The wife said she was afraid to report Sablan's violations because he once allegedly threatened that if she attempts to leave him, she would suffer the same fate of a woman who was killed by a police officer at her office in Garapan.

## BOH

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Chalan Pale Arnold Road. This brand new branch will open on Feb. 1, 2016, and from then on, all checking, savings, time deposit, and loan accounts will be serviced in the new Gualo Rai branch.

BoH assures their customers that their account numbers will remain the same. Customers may also continue to use their checks and Bankoh BankCard or Bank of Hawaii Visa Check Card as usual.

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# Audit finds flaws in Outer Cove Marina operations

A performance audit on the Outer Cove Marina has found that the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, which operates the marina, did not comply with the provisions of the OCM Rules and Regulations relating to the collection of fees and penalties, and enforcement.

That means fees were not being assessed properly, vessels could illegally dock at the marina, and records were not being kept or updated regularly.

The audit, conducted by the Office of the Public Auditor, also found that the Outer Cove Marina, poses a safety risk for boat operators, passengers, and users of the docks due to the lack of maintenance and unknown construction design.

According to OPA, DLNR's noncompliance with regulations and the lack of the dock maintenance created four conditions:

1) The required berthing fees and penalties were not properly assessed and collected;

2) Lack of enforcement activity made it easy for illegally berthed vessels to utilize the marina;

3) Tenant files maintained by DLNR were not complete and updated;

4) Outer Cove Marina lacks adequate security, basic amenities, and signage; and

5) The marina's overall structure and operations are unsafe.

Soon after the completion of OPA's fieldwork on the Outer Cove Marina but prior to the issuance of the report, the marina suffered a structural failure of a concrete gangway on the "D" dock. This failure occurred with no known traumatic incident such as a storm or collision.

"The potential of a structural failure of the [Outer Cove Marina] was one of OPA's primary concerns. Given that such failure has

now occurred, it is imperative that OPA's concerns and recommendations be considered and appropriate solutions immediately implemented. OPA strongly recommends that a structural review of the [marina] by a qualified engineering firm be immediately completed to determine if continued operations can be safely carried out," OPA said in a statement yesterday.

The Outer Cove Marina is a fixed concrete dock located on the northeastern part of the Outer Cove peninsula, which provides berthing and transient

access to commercial and fishing vessels. It is also the only marina that supports the majority of Saipan's marine tourism activities.

OPA said it will continue to follow up on DLNR's actions to address these findings in OPA's "Report on CNMI Agencies' Implementation of Audit Rec-

ommendations" scheduled to be released in December 2015.

To view the full report, visit OPA's website at [www.opacnmi.com](http://www.opacnmi.com). (*Saipan Tribune*)

## PSS hopes to avoid courts with payment

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has received a written proposal from the Public School System for a "payment plan" to cover and repay utilities costs for the next four or five years.

Herman Guerrero, CNMI State Board of Education chairman, and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan spoke to the CUC board during the pub-

lic comments section on Tuesday, commending the utility for its typhoon recovery effort.

The officials gave assurances that with their payment plan they would pay monthly until their million dollar-worth of debt is settled.

Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* after the session that they submitted proposal to the CUC board directors for discussion during executive session that was "not for public dissemination."

He said they submitted a "payment plan" for the next four to five years—a route preferred over a lawsuit pending in the courts.

In July, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho set a bench trial for Jan. 4, 2016, in the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s lawsuit against PSS over unpaid utility bills. The judge also set an Oct. 20, 2015, hearing on the parties' motions.

CUC appeared through its

counsel, Michael White. PSS counsel Tiberius Mocanu did not show up.

In separate lawsuits filed in December 2013, CUC sued PSS and the CNMI government to collect on owed utility bills. CUC argued then that PSS and the CNMI government are indebted to CUC for utility services in the principal sum of \$5.94 million and \$1.24 million respectively, together with pre-judgment interest.

## FEMA help still just a phone call away

Although the Disaster Recovery Center is closing today, Friday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency remains just a phone call away.

Typhoon Soudelor survivors who have registered with FEMA can call the toll-free registration number to get help with their application process.

Issues such as status updates, appeals and other questions can be checked by calling 800-621-3362.

"We want to emphasize that we are still here and still helping survivors," said deputy federal coordinating officer Ryan

Brown. "We and our CNMI partners will continue helping survivors throughout their recovery process."

If you need to fax documents regarding your application, the CNMI is providing this service at the following locations: Saipan Mayor's Office (Beach Road, Chalan Laolao); Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Beach Road, Su-supe); and The Aging Center (Sugar King Road, Garapan).

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# Couple still waiting for govt payment in death of baby

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Two years since the CNMI government settled for \$35,000 a couple's wrongful death lawsuit over the death of their child during delivery at the Commonwealth Health Center, not a single penny has yet to be paid.

Jotonia B. Aguon and Timothy Cruz, through counsel Michael Dotts, are now asking the Superior Court to issue an order in aid of judgment, directing the government to pay them the final judgment of \$35,000 that was entered in July 2013.

According to Dotts, not even a partial payment has ever been made.

Dotts, as counsel for Aguon

and Cruz, and then-assistant attorney general Joey P. San Nicolas, as counsel for the government, signed an agreement for an entry of \$35,000 judgment against the Commonwealth on July 17, 2013.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted yesterday the couple's request for a hearing date, setting it on Nov. 17, 2015, at 1:30pm. The government was given until Oct. 30, 2015, to file any opposition to the motion.

According to the wrongful death lawsuit, Aguon was admitted to the OB ward of CHC for a normal delivery on Nov. 10, 2010. Aguon was on her 38th week of pregnancy. She was assisted by a midwife.

After several hours of push-

ing, there was an increase in the baby's heart rate. Despite being alive in the womb, the child was later born dead.

Dotts alleged that the government was negligent in the staffing at CHC and that the doctor was negligent in failing to timely recognize fetal distress and failing to perform a C-section.

The parties settled the case in 2013.

In plaintiffs' motion for an order in aid of judgment, Dotts pointed out that for over two years, the judgment against the government remains unpaid.

Dotts said his clients had no legal recourse because under a CNMI Supreme Court ruling in the case of Marine Revitalization Corp., a CNMI court may not direct the appropriation

of funds to satisfy judgments against the government.

Now, Dotts said, with the Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2016, the court has the power to aid Aguon and Cruz.

Under the Act, the lawyer said, \$8,000 is expressly appropriated for the payment of judgments against the government.

Further, Dotts noted, the Act vests the governor with "reprogramming authority within the Executive Branch."

"This authority essentially means that the amount of the appropriation to the Executive Branch has also been appropriated to the payment of judgments," he said.

Dotts asserted that no further action by the Legislature is re-

quired to appropriate money for the payment of judgments as the appropriation has been made.

Under this authority, he said, the governor is required to allocate additional funds to the payment of judgments against the CNMI government, because otherwise the new budget, with merely \$8,000 allocated to payments of judgments on its face, would violate the constitutional mandate that an annual budget be "balanced."

A "balanced budget," he said, is not spending the same amount of money received without paying debts.

For a budget to be "balanced," it must pay all lawful obligations and then limit the amount to be spent on operations to the amount left over after paying debts, Dotts said.

"Certainly, a government can plan for the retirement of large

debts over time, and work with the courts and the judgment creditors to set up schedules for how large judgments will be satisfied," he said.

But the government, Dotts added, cannot just ignore judgments and make no arrangements to pay them, as it has done with regard to the \$35,000 judgment in this case.

In December 2013, a lawmaker disclosed that aside from unpaid land compensations, the government has yet to pay a total of \$346,056 in court judgments for wrongful deaths and medical malpractice.

Last year, based on government records, it was reported that the government's unpaid compensation has reached over \$100 million for more than 300 families whose lands were taken to build public access roads, wetlands, and ponding basins years ago.

## Temporary water service outage next Tuesday

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in two of Saipan's southern villages will experience a temporary service interruption as part of an ongoing waterline improvement project.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, CUC will temporarily interrupt water service to customers in Finasisu and As Lito at 8am to allow CUC's contractor, RNV Construction, to install a new gate valve at the intersection of Chalan Monsignor Martinez and Chalan Tun Doir Road.

CUC will limit the area affected by the nine-hour outage to customers along Chalan Monsignor Martinez between

Chalan Monsignor Guerrero to ABCD Market in Koblerville, Chalan Tun Apa Road, Chalan Tun Doi Road, and Finasisu down to Frankie's Auto Shop on As Perdido Road.

The work in each of the villages is part of the 8" ACP (Asbestos Concrete Pipe) Waterline Abandonment for the San Vicente Service Area Extension Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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### Amendment to the September 21, 2015 Public Notice NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE DCRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a DCRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 15, 2015, 9:00 AM** at the Office of the Mayor Conference Room, San Jose Tinian.

- I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  - a) Call to Order
  - b) Roll Call
  - c) Adoption of July 15 & 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- II. **PERMIT APPLICATION**
  1. Tinian Municipal Transfer Station (TMS-2014-X-058)
    - a. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and Director
    - b. Permit Application Determination
  2. Tinian Magpo Homestead (TMS-2015-X-059)
    - a. Presentation of the Tinian Magpo Homestead
    - b. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and Director
    - c. Permit Application Status
  3. Saipan Comfort Homes (SMS-2015-X-066)
    - a. Presentation of the Saipan Comfort Homes
    - b. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and Director
    - c. Permit Application Status
  4. Reactivation of the Pagan Island Mining Operations (PMS-93-X-76)
    - a. Project Status by Micronesian Environmental Services
    - b. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials, Director, and Permittee
- III. **MISCELLANEOUS**
- IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items.

(NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

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# Chow Time is here to satisfy your midnight cravings

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REPORTER

Night owls, night shifts, and those winding down from a night out now have a new place

to go to satisfy their midnight cravings.

A new restaurant, Chow



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Pancit bihon is just one among many other foods and meals that will be served at Chow Time, a new 24-hour restaurant that will open on Sunday. Chow Time is located at 99 Cents in Middle Road, Garapan.

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Time, will be opening on Sunday and hopes to never close as they will be operating 24 hours, seven days a week. Located inside 99 Cents on Middle Road, Garapan, the new place will offer anything from full meals to short orders and snacks.

Owner Anna Liza Guancia

said the idea of opening up a 24-hour place came from her own experience as well as from her co-workers.

"It's hard to find a place here that offers cheap food during the late hours," she said. "My co-workers are fond of eating after work in the early morning so I

decided to operate 24 hours."

They will be serving not one but three styles of cooking: Japanese, Korean, and Filipino. They will have bento boxes and rice bowls as well.

"The customers who shop at 99 Cents are a mix of Japanese, Koreans, and Filipinos so we decided to offer a mix of food also so that everybody has a choice," she said.

Guancia said their prices are affordable and they can also adjust the amount of food that they serve depending on what the customer can actually pay for.

The location is also perfect for working people as well as those who, after partying, wants to fill their stomachs with warm, good food.

"We were really looking for a place that is easily accessible to people. When we found this, although it's small, it's perfect because it's near everything," Guancia said.

"This place doesn't run out of people," she added.

Guancia said they started work on the restaurant in June but their opening got delayed because of the typhoon.

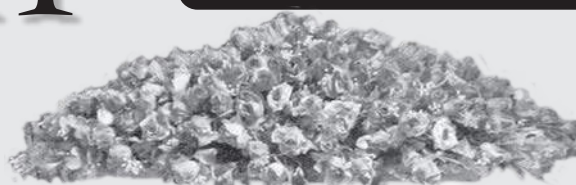
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# PCF Marianas hosts successful 5K fundraiser

The Pacific Century Fellows–Marianas Chapter held its PCF 5K “Back On Our Feet” Run/Walk last Saturday, Oct. 3, with a great turnout from the community. A total of 320 participants took to the course, in what proved to be a very successful fundraising event to support the Tan Siu Lin Foundation’s Project Ayudu campaign to raise \$150,000 for recovery efforts from the sale of T-shirts.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds from the 5K will go directly to CNMI Advocacy for Recovery Efforts to help repair and rebuild homes damaged by Typhoon Soudelor.

“We appreciate the support of community members and organizations in our endeavors to rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by Soudelor. Thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, Fellows, and last and by no means least, our 320 participants without whom this event would not happen. Our 5K fun-

draiser was a tremendous success!” said Jerry Tan, president of Tan Holdings.

Major sponsors for the event are TSL Foundation and Delta Air Lines. Other sponsors include Brabu Pharmacy, Cutz & Colours Salon, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Let’s Go! Tour Company, Mariana Resort & Spa, Matson, McDonald’s, the NMI Cycling Federation, Pacific Islands Club, Pacific Trading, PHI Pharmacy, *Saipan Tribune*, Saipan World Resort, Taro Sue Store, Triple J Truckload Store, and Reps. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) and Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan).

Please look out for our advertisement announcing the raffle prize winners.

Raffle winners must present their raffle stubs and pick up their prizes no later than Oct. 30 from Mel Naputi of TSL Foundation at the second floor of JP Center on Beach Road, Garapan. **(PR)**



Members of the Pacific Century Fellows–Marianas Chapter hold up a banner at the start of the PCF 5K “Back On Our Feet” Run/Walk last Saturday, Oct. 3. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



Mount Carmel School students take part in the PCF 5K “Back On Our Feet” Run/Walk last Saturday, Oct. 3. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



A volunteer from the Northern Marianas College School of Nursing does a blood pressure check on a participant of the PCF 5K “Back On Our Feet” Run/Walk last Saturday, Oct. 3. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



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## New ideas to keep guns from dangerous people

The American debate over gun control has been stalemated for some time. Back in the 1990s, Congress was able to pass legislation requiring federal background checks on most gun purchasers and outlawing “assault weapons.” But in this century, each mass shooting sparks a brief discussion of measures that might be helpful in preventing the next one—and the discussion ends with nothing being done.

Maybe last week’s attack at an Oregon community college by a man who killed nine people and wounded nine others will finally break the impasse. It is past time to make guns less accessible to people who clearly shouldn’t be trusted with them. But if lawmakers refuse to take the needed action, the president has options to address the problem without them.

Those convicted or charged with felonies, drug users, unauthorized foreigners and those who have been committed to mental institutions are barred from buying guns. The background check system serves to flag them if they make an attempt. But they can easily get around the ban by dealing with private sellers, who are not required to run background checks.

In 2013, after the Sandy Hook killings, the Senate fell six votes short of approving a bill to require this basic precaution for sales not just by federally licensed firearm dealers but for these sales as well—closing the so-called gun show loophole, which is not limited to gun show transactions.

You’d think the members who voted no would contemplate the horrifying series of mass shootings since then and change their minds. They should be forced to go on record once again: registering either a change of heart or another cynical vote to protect criminals and psychopaths.

If Congress still balks, there is another option, proposed Monday by Hillary Clinton. She wants to treat high-volume private gun sellers as the dealers they are. She believes this change could be made at the discretion of the president.

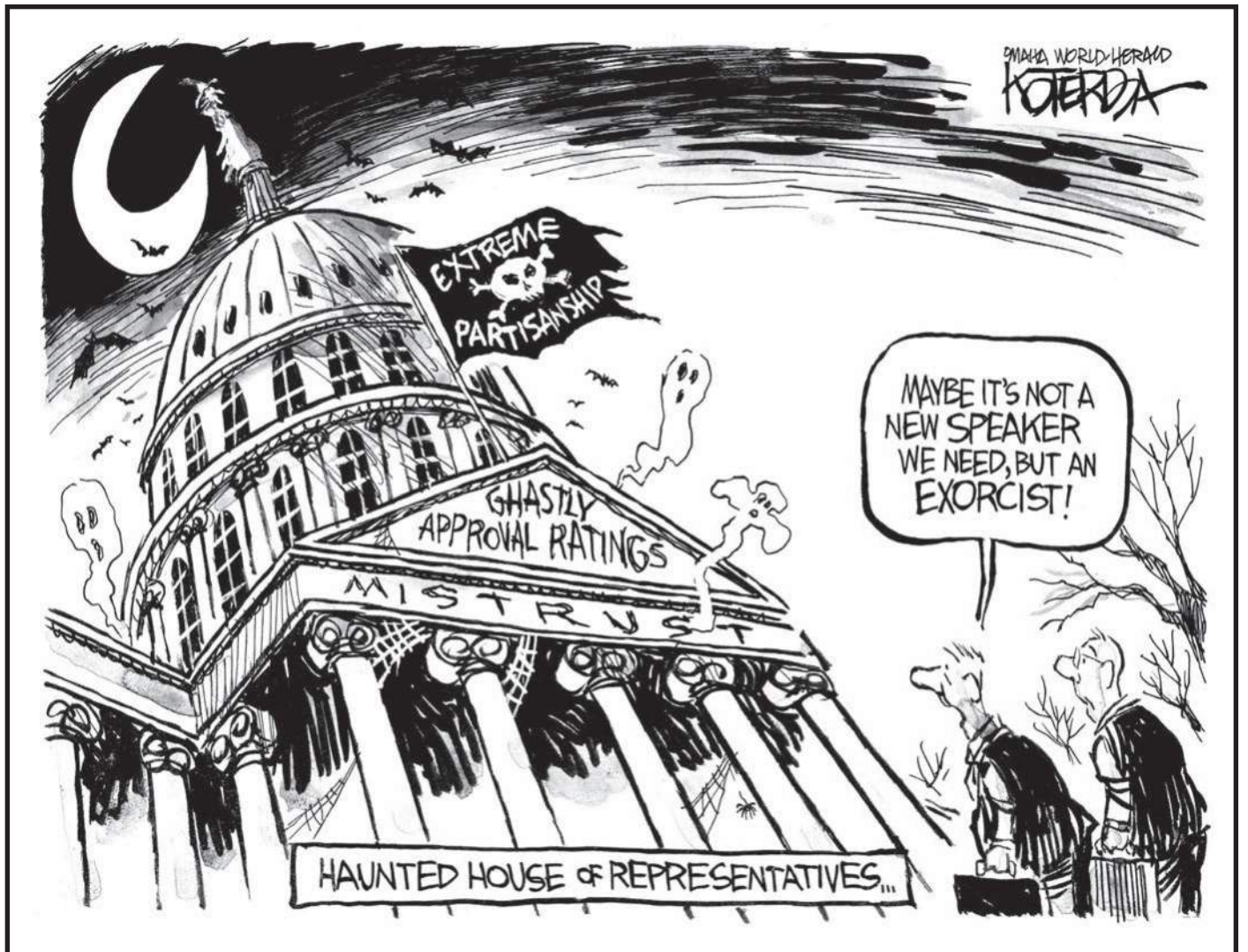
It’s a perfectly sensible proposal. Right now, anyone “engaged in the business” of gun sales has to get a federal dealer’s license and follow certain rules, like keeping records, paying fees and carrying out background checks. But the law excludes those who make “occasional sales” from their personal collections. In practice, the exception is an invitation to evasion and abuse.

A 2013 study by Mayors Against Illegal Guns found that hundreds of individuals are regularly “selling guns at high volume to total strangers.” On the website Armslist, it found that “high-volume sellers posted 29 percent of the gun ads listed by private sellers during the period of observation. At that rate, these sellers would transfer 243,800 guns each year.”

The group Everytown for Gun Safety says the federal government should create a regulation making it clear that sellers offering more than a specified number of weapons for sale and meeting any of several other tests (like selling new guns) will be subject to the requirements imposed on dealers, including background checks.

That’s not the only good idea that Clinton has. She wants legislation to bar gun sales to convicted stalkers—some 12,000 of

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## October autumn on durable Earth

I grew some hair around the lips in August, thick enough that one of my classmates called the image “distinguished,” but not thick enough to play *Ho! Ho! Ho!* @ Christmas.

I am not fascinated with aging, though I write of it much of late. It is the facticity of it that I affirm. It was the hair around the lips that pegged my age in August. When I grew it long, it turned unwieldy, heading in all directions but this time, with a typhoon wiping out power and water supply on island, I decided to let it web its net sans the snip of a clipper.

The language today is network, like the atomic spheres drawn around the Earth’s image rather than national boundaries that pitted a country against another in the old colonial understanding of politics.

I mouth the wisdom of the ages. Maneesh of Maharashtra phases life at 20-year increments. Under 20 is a time of exploration, into 40 as experimentation, heading 60 is innovation, and towards 80, the disciplines of meditation, contemplation and prayer, what one is taught and learns. He utters *Om*, the sound that takes in and breathes out everything!

Rock-of-Peter tradition drives many to providence in the guise of religious devotion when critical decisions are made, and Mahmoud’s favored expression is *Anshallah*, God will provide. On my knees before the numinous unknown, I invariably earn the unqualified response of, “You decide; you can handle it.” Allah provides.

I face the future—to make and leave personal fingerprints on the remaining years of my existence. Many find the stance atheistic, or at least agnostic. Not by my book. I swear on ancient authority, the *Torah* and the Talmud, the *Biblos* and the saints, the *Koran* and the Prophet’s sayings!

The wisdom of old age is the endless and gracious acceptance of the Way Life Is, YHWH (*Iahoua*, Jehovah) in the old language before devout Christians personalized it in Jesus’ idolatry. Ultra-Orthodox Jews sway their black-hatted curls in archaic tongues before the old wailing wall of Jerusalem. A Muslim pulled an AK-47 on a French train, hostile to those who drained his oil pools with royal connivance while the *hoi polloi* endured the desert’s barren soil. Media dubbed him insane. The recent *haji* saw a couple of groups out to “stone the devil” collide in Mina while heading in opposite directions.

I skipped “panic” when I was sucked in by the ebb tide on the breach at Sugar Dock. I ventured into the coral reef the day after a storm, waves extremely unfriendly to my 70-ish flailing arms. Aging comes to me profoundly at the tail end of my “being here”; but the planet’s journey is only halfway its course.

Colleagues rightly decry the destructive manner of making consumption an operating principle in human society. Economic growth is a mantra for motivation, leaving us a despoiled Earth that

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lashes back with convulsions of climate change. We pollute the air and waters; mess up the ecological balance. Rep. Paul Gozar boycotted Pope Francis’ visit to Congress because the papal office sees responding to climate change a moral imperative.

Thomas Berry in the *Dream of the Earth* wrote: “We are the termination, not the fulfillment of the Earth process. If there were a parliament of creatures, its first decision might well be to vote the humans out of the community...”

Any serious analysis of the Earth’s health sees the human fingerprint writ on the side of destruction. Individuals now face the limits and possibilities of responsibility rather than the actuations of the race. A three-part series on *Human the Movie* on YouTube is instructive; it delves on singular manifestations.

The human sickness through the ages has been the despair of spirit; it does not come naturally but is a matter of choice. I can speculate on the planet’s ability to act as a living organism, as current literature do, leaving some followers of Berry to say, “Thus sayeth the Earth,” uttered in the same vein as the name of zealot Zeus, or thunder-loud Theos, or doting Dios, and definitely, yessir, *Si Yu’us Maasi*.

For all our fears, the Earth prevails. Not Dulcinea who requires Quixotic protection but in our time, the Earth takes the place of Theos for fealty.

Which brings me back to the hair around the lips. Brushing strands each morning so they lean in the same direction was futile but the act was a good exercise to let the soul claim management and the illusion of control. I shaved it as a gesture of surviving the Sugar Dock ebbing tide. I managed.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon contravenes Obama’s intent to pull military personnel out of Afghanistan by the end of his term. The Pentagon’s might determines policy; it does in the Marianas. Presidentiable Mark Rubio says: “Time to let Obama finish his term; the issue is post-Obama future”—a thought I can chew.

I avoid stepping on my own toes. What matters is what I do with the remaining years of my “being here” on to the “completion of my journey.” Not surprisingly, Earth endures.



# Eight things about tourism

Some tourism pros and I were comparing notes on the golden days of Saipan's tourism industry, and, for that matter, some of its less golden days in more recent times. If I was young and looking for an on-ramp to the employment world, the tourism industry is probably where I'd start my search. So, just for the heck of it, I figured I'd list some of the things I like about the industry.

Although I've done a lot of number crunching in the industry on both sides of the Pacific, ranging from economic analysis for policy makers to financial forecasts for corporations, I'm not up for playing the data game today.

Instead, I'm going to heed some ancient Eastern wisdom: "A good reckoner doesn't need a tally." Actually, I only use that phrase when it suits my purposes. And, today, it does. Imagine that.

Anyway, here are a few things I like about the tourism industry in general, though you'll have to make your own judgments about Saipan's situation:

**1)** Tourism is worldwide. Be it urban or rural, hot or cold, snowy or sunny, fast or slow, dry or lush, it doesn't matter, because there will be tourists. So wherever you are in the world, or wherever you want to be in the world, there are probably some opportunities in tourism. And when space travel finally hits commercial scale, tourism will be right there with it, so it will be out-of-this-world too; this is already providing jobs, by the way, and I've toured a factory that is making the prototype space ships.

**2)** It's a tall-ladder industry. It reaches from unskilled, entry-level jobs to highly-skilled positions that require professional li-

censing.

**3)** The ladder isn't just tall, it's climbable, too. The industry often promotes from within. That doesn't always happen, of course, but it happens often enough to notice. I've known people who went from being minimum-wage "food and beverage" workers to being hotel managers. As for me, some of the best professional training and promotions I received were in the Saipan tourism industry.

**4)** It's an industry that offers a lot of niche plays for freelancers. Name a skill or job, and there are gigs in tourism: cook, accountant, data entry clerk, Web designer, writer, security, sales rep, driver, building maintenance worker, aircraft maintenance worker, photographer, financial analyst, video producer, retail clerk, translator, musician, landscaper, golf instructor, and, well, the list goes on and on.

**5)** Many tourism jobs are, for me at least, better than office work. I'd rather be on a tropical beach than stuck in an office. Tourism is not only the best way to accomplish this great escape, it's often the only way. This reason alone is enough for me to be forever grateful for the tourism industry, so I could just stop this list now and relax.

**6)** But I'll keep going, because I must note that not only are some of the jobs fun, but the people tend to be fun, too. Tourism tends to attract gregarious and friendly people. It's a brighter world than the gray confines of the average, uptight, walking-on-eggshells corporate workplace.

**7)** Tourism has a strong overlap with other industries. If you get something rolling in one realm, it can open up opportunities in the others.

By **ED STEPHENS**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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His column runs every Friday.



**8)** Tourism offers some of the most viable opportunities for micro-scale entrepreneurs. Although humble enterprises like T-shirt shops, small cafes, or freelance photography aren't sufficiently glamorous to ignite the public imagination, if you're looking to be an entrepreneur then tourism is often a good start, at least if you can grind out long hours and low margins when you're starting out.

Well, that's my list. There's more to be said, of course, but eight is enough for now.

Do I think the global tourism industry will keep growing? Barring some economic or martial calamity, I certainly do. And, offering the same caveat, I think the industry will always offer opportunities to people who know how to put the customer first, because tourism is all about the customer.

Although there are some complicated jobs in tourism (helicopters, anyone?), the basics of the industry have never been mysterious, and the opportunities are often hiding in plain sight.

# Trash talk everywhere!

If it were a close football game, then the focus would be on the last quarter to see how the gladiators duke it out to secure the championship.

But it wasn't championship talk as much as one riddled with "trash talk" about next year's midterm election. No one seems excited about it.

Or is the mindlessness of the times a serious indication of how we've simply devolved into hopelessness and despair? How could we've easily forgotten issues we should have remembered? The lack of enthusiasm fades under the empty charge of the "solutions driven" team. Now it is morphing into "shared..." something or other.

Would someone move to center stage to carry the torch of leadership forward in the wicked cross currents of these troubled times? Or would there persist the usual dish of incoherence and disorientation that is now the hallmark of this administration?

Throw in our sails ripped and shredded for more than a decade now. The dynamics shifts in terms of the magnitude of the challenges before the elected elite. Is there any iota of hope ahead or do we wait for "dooms day?" More the reason I can't use the term "leadership" in the previous sentence. It doesn't exist!

**Depression deepens:** Economic depression and accompanying dystopia—"where nothing works"—are destined to worsen over the next year. We quiz how much revenue would disappear in actual loss, how much is the projected annual recovery, and is it a sustainable figure? There's nothing but uncertainty on every corner while do-nothings sport nervous VIP façade.

**Taking a stand:** Somewhat admirable though Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres' recent take before the Rotary Club how the recent superstorm pried open veiled issues of the NMI "...thought to be too difficult to address, too painful to look at, and so rooted in inactivity that it spells political doom to speak freely about their existence."

He was troubled that our children are surviving on food stamps and school lunches. He said the real tragedy isn't in natural disasters "but by our inability to speak honestly of the existence of poverty." The assessment is simple and truthful and opens up

opportunities for us to engage in deliberative discussions how to resolve a deepening social anomaly.

I'm sure he also feels the very unsettling dimming of fiscal recovery that would get worse before it gets any better. It's a wild swing we all must learn to live with. What if economic conditions deepen and losses triple or quadruple? Are there realistic fiscal options for the NMI? Would this be the third "unseen" disaster in total fiscal bankruptcy?

Under worse fiscal scenario, would Washington offer a bail out of sort? Or would it instruct the NMI, like it did Puerto Rico, to look for entitlements in DC over cash bailout? It's time to pull back that insatiable appetite to spend beyond our means, right? Well, it's a canoe in real troubled waters the crew preferring to be victims than head to the nearest shore. Would the projected FY '16 budget of \$145 million be realized or would it be a day late and millions of dollars short?

Happy and comforting though Torres' courage to "tell it like it is"!

**Issues on the trail:** The creeping fiscal paralysis breeds a myriad of significant uncertainty in the immediate term. Sadly, it isn't an issue that could quickly be glimpsed physically though you could feel the temblor on the floor crashing heavily. Why brave rearranging the chairs on the titanic after it topples over? But this is the way it's done in "da island nai." Suzzzz!

You see, we need money to pay for the pension of 3,000 retirees, education for our children, healthcare for everyone, diesel fuel for CUC to keep the island bright at night, among others. Whatever is left in the FY '16 budget, you need to give CHC and PSS not less than \$86 million for their basic operational needs.

More so than any other issue, it is with powerful intuition that I see the eventual death of the casino industry on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. Global events showing casino taking serious shutter aren't helping the NMI any. Even as I venture saying this there's that faint desire that it works as a mini component of the tourism industry. Anything else is but a pipedream!

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



People, I am going to win both the battle and war on this score! Yes, the army from our sacred and spiritual ancestors would chime in everyday to right what's gone wrong in paradise. In the vernacular, "*siempre infan mana' hineddan pot para u guaha respetu gi tradision finana'guen guelu*"

**Partnership:** We had something to share at the outset of tourism here in the late sixties. It blossomed so quickly then gradually withered until it's dead and gone. We intone, "Where have all the flowers gone?" What went wrong? Was the issue generational industriousness that ran out of gas or just what is it that killed that meaningful partnership?

A glimpse at what happened is itself a tale we later realize was as devastating as a stealth superstorm. At the outset, there was the partnership between investor and host that gave the latter a chance to partake in the new investment. But this relationship somehow died out in less than two decades. Main investor turned complacent and couldn't care less of the fate of local partners who waited for some guidance. Eventually, both folded!

What went wrong? Are the Japanese, Koreans, Chinese and other fiscally poised investors fearful we might learn how to run our own businesses? Why was it ignored altogether? Was our ignorance in business startups a drawback? Wasn't it the very issue that should have been capitalized and nurtured to foster stronger partnership?

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Thank you

On behalf of Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School staff, parents, and PTSA, and most importantly our 900 students, we would like to say "thank you *yan si yu'us ma'asse*" for your all your kind donations in instructional materials and school supplies for our students. It is truly an honor to have individuals like you and organizations within our community that cares so much about our wellbeing, our school, and our students at a time. In the wake of Typhoon Soudelor, we have become closer as a community to help our families cope with the many issues and challenges that they are faced with today. Your partnership with us is highly commended and appreciated.

We are fortunate to have received several donations of school supplies and instructional materials through purchase orders from Reps. Blas Jonathan Attao, Edwin Propts, Edmund Villagomez, and

Angel Demapan. We also received donations from various organizations: American Red Cross, Stay Well, IT&E, Karidat, Lions Club, Rotary Club, United 4 Saipan, Eileen B. Skilling from Hawaii, and the Hopwood Middle School PTSA. All donations were documented and submitted to the Commissioner of Education and Finance Department for accountability.

For your information, our students and staff are very happy with the donations that you provided us. Your donations truly brightened them with big smiles in appreciation for the gifts that you all provided them.

We will be sharing information about the donations with our PTSA members so they too can be informed about the great support that you all did to help the school. We sent a bulletin to all of our parents informing them about our school activities and other important reminders and we did mention the donations provided by four of our representatives.

Thank you for making Students First!

**Jonas M. Barcinas**

Principal, Hopwood Middle School

## PEOPLE

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whom are free to acquire firearms despite the obvious risk they pose. She proposed ending a rule that says that if a background check isn't completed within three days, the sale may go through without it. This rule made it possible for the accused Charleston, S.C., church shooter, Dylann Roof, to buy a handgun before his rampage, even though he had been charged with felony drug possession.






Some of Clinton's proposals, like repealing the legal immunity granted gun-makers and dealers in a 2005 law and forbidding assault weapons, are not likely to go anywhere in Congress. But the others are the sort of targeted extensions of existing policy that open-minded voters and legislators can support.

Our leaders can act now. Or would they rather wait till the next round of slaughter?

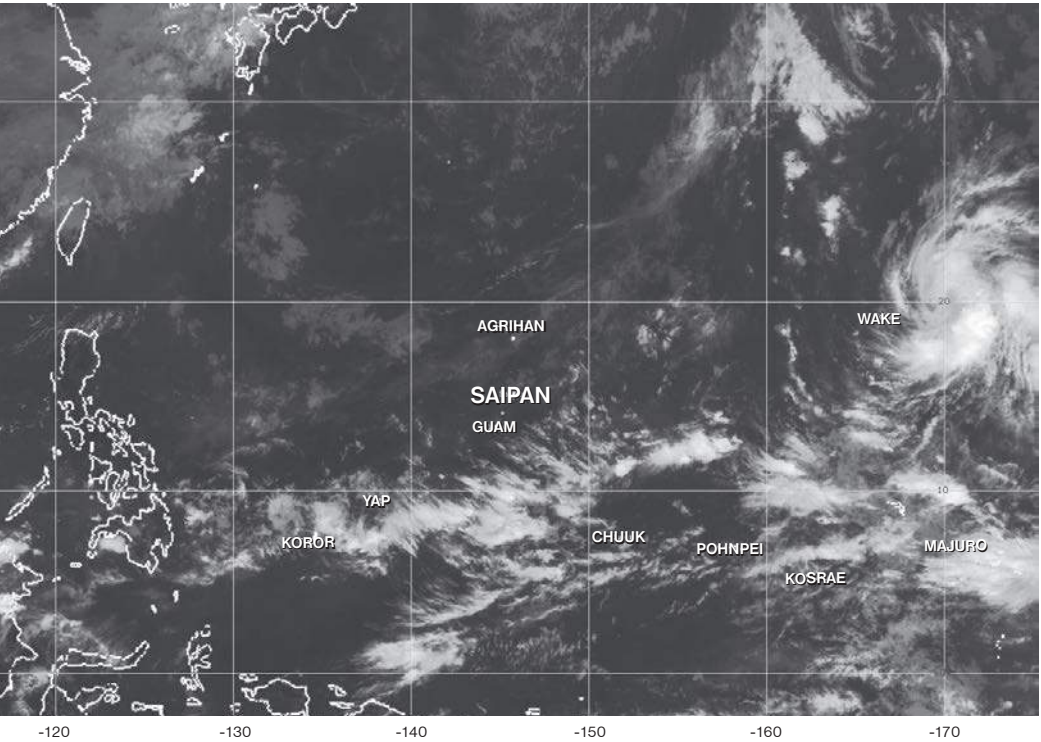


# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends east-northeastward from 10N130E to 13N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring south of The trough near Koror and Yap within 100 miles of a line from 8N132E to 8N142E. Converging low-level winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well south of Yap to north of Chuuk and Pohnpei within 150 miles of a line from EQ140E to 11N150E and within 50 miles of a line from 11N150E to 12N158E. A surface trough extends southeastward from 25N158E to a tropical disturbance. The remnants of O8C centered near 13N173E then continues east-southeastward to beyond the date line at 9N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen east of Wake Island within 190 miles of a line from 22N169E to 14N180. Similar conditions are present along and south of the trough and disturbance within 190 miles of a line from 11N160E to 5N177E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲65	▼50
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼46
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼45
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼70
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90	▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼57
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87	▼76
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼61
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼58
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼48
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲73	▼54
Rome	Showers	▲71	▼61
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼53
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼56
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼54
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼59
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼61



### NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
12:32 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
5:53 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
12:27 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
6:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Tuesday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	2:58 AM	3:38 PM
Saturday	3:45 AM	4:17 PM
Sunday	4:32 AM	4:55 PM
Monday	5:19 AM	5:33 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:12 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5039	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA5038	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA5078	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA5077	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA5072	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA5079	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5038	12:15pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5038	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:00pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	1, via GUM-Rota
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				UA184/5077	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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TINIAN TO SAIPAN			SAIPAN TO TINIAN			SAIPAN TO ROTA		
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5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						



## High surf seen until Saturday

According to the CNMI Emergency Operations Center, a large north swell will produce high surf until tomorrow, Saturday.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm Saturday. Expect hazardous surf between 8 and 10 feet today. Surf is expected to remain hazardous through Saturday and possibly into Saturday night.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6am today. Seas of 8 to 10 feet will fall below 10 feet this morning.

Mariners and the general public, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, avoid sailing near reef lines and shoaling areas. Exercise caution when entering or leaving harbors and inlets, as breaking waves can easily capsize your boat. Avoid venturing into the water along exposed reefs and beaches, especially those facing north as rip currents will be life threatening. **(HSEM)**

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Catch KSPN2 News on radio and Internet

With Docomo cable TV still down due to Typhoon Soudelor, KSPN2 News continues to broadcast on the radio and Internet. Tune in to Magic 100.3 at 6pm Monday to Friday. You can also watch the news broadcast online at [www.kspn2.com](http://www.kspn2.com). For a higher quality, more mobile-friendly option after 8pm, check out [www.saipantv.com](http://www.saipantv.com). **(PR)**

#### Dandan Middle School report card day today

Dandan Middle School will have its first quarter mid-progress report day today, Oct. 9, 2015, from 4:30pm to 6pm. You can pick up your child's progress report from their home-room teachers.

■ Oct. 12: No classes, Commonwealth Day

■ Oct. 16: Sengebau School Level Competition

■ Oct. 17: First NJSDA meet at SAMS

■ Oct. 23: October Newsletter will be sent out! & Education Day!

■ Oct. 24: Math Court – 1<sup>st</sup> Meet

■ Oct. 26 – 30: Final Exam Week!

■ Oct. 27: PTSA Meeting

■ Oct. 30: End of First Quarter **(PR)**

#### SLLB 2016 board elections on Oct. 10

Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will hold its general membership meeting for the election of 2016 board members on Oct. 10, 9am at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium pavilion. All managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Annie Flores at 285-1219 or Piding Tenorio at 285-1024. **(PR)**



## Columbus Day weekend PROMOTION OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 12

SPECIAL RATE:  
**\$130**  
plus tax



#### Restrictions

1. 2 days maximum stay
2. Must have US ID or Local ID
3. All guests must fill up Reservations and credit card information
4. Inclusive of Water Park entrance (2 days)
5. Local discount on all F/B outlets
6. Upon Room Availability only

*Upon availability on rooms, request base only. Some restrictions apply.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

*On behalf of the Honorable Governor Eloy S. Inos and the Honorable Lt. Governor Ralph DLG Torres, the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs expresses its most sincere appreciation and gratitude to the following Volunteers and Contributors for the Shelter Relief Operations and D-NAP Distribution in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor. The overwhelming support and compassion you've shown have greatly impacted the lives of hundreds of people and families that sought assistance from DCCA.*



# Thank You, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilison!

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- Americorps G.E.S.
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Best Sunshine
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# Foremost donates anew to relief efforts

» 200 cases more of non-fat and reduced fat UHT milk donated to non-profits



Foremost Foods Saipan assistant operations manager Ailene Benavidez, assisted by distribution specialist Francisco Borja, seated left, and warehouse staff Trumaine Mafnas, present cases of Foremost Non-fat Milk and Reduced Fat Milk to Pastor Wayne Gillespie of the Salvation Army at the soup kitchen in Chalan Piao.




Office of Aging community development specialist Linda C. Torres, second left, accepts the delivery of Foremost Non-fat and Reduced Fat Milk from Foremost Foods Saipan assistant operations manager Ailene Benavidez, right. They are joined by Office of Aging congregants and staff, from left, Virgie Mallari, Milan Fargo, Orlando Limes, and Jack Ogumoro at the *Man'amko* Center in Garapan.


Foremost Foods Saipan recently donated an additional 200 cases of Foremost Non-fat and Reduced Fat UHT Milk quarts to charities that continue to serve the victims of Typhoon Soudelor. In August, the food and beverage company contributed the first 200 cases of Foremost Non-fat Milk to the Salvation Army, which used the donation for its soup kitchen. The added 200 cases of combined non-fat and reduced fat milk in quarts were distributed to the Salvation Army, Office of Aging, and Karidat Social Services as part of the company's partnership with non-profit and charitable organizations that provide relief in the aftermath of Soudelor. Foremost Foods Saipan, Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Micronesia) Inc. and their sister companies in the Transpacific Group, including Subway Investments Corp., Glimpses Advertising & Publications, and Foremost Scoops, were among the first companies to provide immediate relief to the victims of Typhoon Soudelor in the critical days following the devastation brought by the typhoon. Group executive vice president Marcos W. Fong, who is also chairman of the American Red Cross-Guam Chapter, took the initiative to reach out to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter as well as the Salvation Army, and mobilized company staff and material resources to assist the organizations in providing relief goods to typhoon victims. "The destruction on Saipan saddens us. Saipan is not only a place where we do business; it is home. We will harness our resources to provide what is needed to provide relief and help in the recovery of our island community. We have the capability to immediately provide assistance to those in need. While off-island relief goods are being prepared for shipment to Saipan, our supplies are already on island," Fong said. (PR)



The Foremost Foods Saipan team of, clockwise from right, Ailene Benavidez, assistant operations manager; Trumaine Mafnas, warehouse staff; and Francisco Borja, distribution specialist, presents cases of Foremost Non-fat and Reduced Fat Milk to Lauri Ogumoro, Karidat executive director, at the office of the social services agency in Chalan Piao.



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# Yamagata accepted into national honors organization

Brittany Aldan Yamagata, a 2011 AlumKnight from Mount Carmel School, was recently accepted into the Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization at the San Diego University, where she is studying human resources management. Sigma Alpha Lambda is dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for com-

munity service, personal development, and lifelong professional fulfillment.

The announcement came as a surprise to Yamagata. "I was really surprised when I tore open the mail and read that I got accepted," she said. "I was not expecting it at all."

Her mother, Arlene, who is an AlumKnight herself who graduated class valedictorian in 1990, was also surprised. "Brittany's acceptance

into Sigma Alpha Lambda is just one of the many things she continues to delightfully surprise us with. It makes me happy when my children work hard and do their very best."

School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero is very proud of Yamagata. As he put it, "She did fantastic things



Yamagata

as a student here at the school, but did not stop there. With this accomplishment, she is part of a legacy of AlumKnights who continue to distinguish themselves with the knowledge, skills, and values that were instilled in them here at Mount Carmel School."

Yamagata credits her alma mater for helping her get

to where she is now. "I'm grateful to MCS for helping me understand and appreciate the importance of a persistent work ethic and forming my Catholic values that give me encouragement in my life."

While at Mount Carmel, Yamagata was inducted into Sacred Chapter of the National Honor Society and was active in the school's Theatre Club. (MCS)

## Make-A-Wish seeks donors to fulfill wishes of CNMI kids

Make-A-Wish experiences often involve travel, especially with kids from the CNMI and Guam. Each year, Make-A-Wish sends several wish kids and their families on trips and help make their dreams come true with help from our generous communities.

"The Make-A-Wish Foundation often arranges travel for wish kids to reach their wish destinations, whether it's to meet a celebrity, go to their favorite theme park or a shopping spree or reconnect with extended family who have moved away," said Eric Tydingco, Make-A-Wish Board chairman.

"Air travel is a critical resource as we work to grant the heartfelt—and oftentimes very creative—wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions," said Victor Camacho, Make-A-Wish's executive director. "Donating to Make-A-Wish will allow us to continue creating countless lasting moments for children with life-threatening medical conditions here in our communities. You can truly make a difference in a child's life."

Thanks to Joe Guerrero and Eleanor Cabrera, the Naked Fish Bar & Grill will again be this year's venue for CNMI's Wish Night on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, starting at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and include food, drinks, live music, and fun. Tickets are now available for sale at the Naked Fish Bar & Grill, Gold's Gym Saipan, and board members Eleanor Cabrera (483-4117) and Kanae Quinn (285-1168) or email [cnmiwish@gmail.com](mailto:cnmiwish@gmail.com) for more information.

### About Make-A-Wish Foundation

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Founded in 1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, the foundation is one of the world's leading children's charities, with 64 chapters in the United States and its territories. With the help of generous donors and nearly 25,000 volunteers, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants a wish ev-

ery 37 minutes and has granted more than 200,000 wishes in the United States since its inception. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit [guam.wish.org](http://guam.wish.org) and discover how you can share the power of a wish®. You can also learn more: <http://wish.org/about-us/our-story/our-mission/from-the-president>. (PR)

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## Docomo to carry iPhone 6s, 6s Plus

Docomo Pacific will offer iPhone 6s and iPhone 6s Plus, the most advanced iPhones ever, beginning Friday, Oct. 23, 2015. Customers can pre-order iPhone 6s

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# LTA continues to support Saipan high schools

In the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, the CNMI has received an outpouring of donations and aid from numerous organizations. With the formation of the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts, the CNMI now has a clearinghouse for recovery donations from various donors. At the onset of the recovery, the Latte Training Academy provided nearly \$4,000 of water to residents of Saipan. As recovery efforts continue, the organization has shifted its focus to ensuring that Saipan students are able to get back to learning.

Recently, Latte Training Academy and Island Training Solutions provided \$500 in supplies to Kagman High School, as well as six picnic tables to Marianas High School. Both organizations are

prepared to provide \$500 to Saipan Southern High School; however they are working with school leadership to identify the school's specific needs.

"We know that our donation is only a drop in the bucket, but like many of the donors and supporters of our community's recovery efforts, we believe that every bit helps. As advocates for education and workforce development, we felt it was most appropriate to place our contributions toward ensuring that our students can get back to learning as quickly as possible. Our Public School System has done a fantastic job in ensuring that our students are able return to learning, so we wanted to show our support for their efforts, as they have always remained a key partner in our goals," said LTA secretary Tina Palacios.

The organization's recent contribution is a small part of its plan to aid in the CNMI's development. In the summer of 2015, the LTA board announced the launch of its Founders Scholarship Program for Saipan high school students who participate in the Latte Training Academy program. The scholarship program will allow students to compete for \$10,000 in college scholarships in the spring of 2016.

"I am humbled to be a partner with an organization that places so much emphasis on giving back. The vision of the organization's founders and through the leadership of the current board, we are and will continue to ensure that our community not only recovers, but thrives in the years ahead," said Island Training Solutions' Jim Arenovski. (PR)

## Tudela welcomes new women, veteran programs

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

In an announcement on Tuesday, Islands Society launched the Women and Veterans Leadership Programs in American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI—a move that drew praise from Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia Tudela.

The new leadership recognition programs provide a global platform for local leaders to share their insights on how to improve the health and wellbeing of islanders.

"According to Island Society president Eddie Walsh, the organization intends to provide veterans and leaders in the CNMI a global platform to share their

insights on how the health and wellbeing of individuals can be improved in island communities around the world," Tudela said.

"Through this project, Islands Society recognizes a local veteran from different island communities in the Northern Marianas each quarter and provides the selected veteran an opportunity to contribute to the health and wellbeing of individuals in island communities based on the veteran's own life experiences," she added.

According to Keiko Ono, managing director of the local female leaders program at Islands Society, the organization believes that veterans and female leaders should be given a global platform to share their insights on how the health and

wellbeing of girls and women can be improved in island communities around the world.

Nominations are now being accepted for Northern Mariana Islands Veteran Leaders, Guam Female Leaders, and American Samoa Female Leaders through the Islands Society's website.

Tudela said this is a great initiative for the islands as it would help recognize local leaders and show their full potential in promoting health and wellness.

### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy 43th birthday to Annette Cruz! May God bless you today and we hope you enjoy your special day! We love you! Greetings come from your family and friends.

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Advanced happy 6th birthday to Destiny Riagin Ada Richards, who will be celebrating her birthday on Oct. 10 2015! May God bless you on your special day. We love you, smart girl. Greetings come from Nina/Nino and your godsisters!

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Happy birthday to Zared David Camacho Nekaifes! We wish you a very happy birthday and many more to come. From your mom, brothers, and sisters.

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We would like to greet the main man in our lives, Pedro B. Lizama Jr., a very happy birthday and wish you many more years to come! We hope you enjoy this special day of yours and may God bless you always. We love you always and forever! With love from your wife and children.

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### NEW COUNSEL

A plaque of appointment is presented to attorney Janet H. King after she was appointed as the Korean Association of Saipan's legal counsel during the Korean community's Thanksgiving dinner held at Saipan World Resort last Sept. 27.

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE  
SERVICE AND REPAIRS OF GENERATORS AT THE  
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CPA-RFP-003-16

#### AMENDED

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (The "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from qualified individuals, firms, companies and/or corporations to provide Generator Preventive Maintenance Service and Repairs at the Saipan International Airport and Port of Saipan.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIC"). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The successful proposer will be awarded 2 years to perform the services with option to renew for an additional 2 years at the sole discretion of the CPA.

The proposal package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 18, 2015.

The proposal package includes the Scope of Work and other considerations upon payment of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) to be paid at the CPA Accounting Office. Payment shall be in cashiers' check or cash only. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project. Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M., October 23, 2015 to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA's best interest.

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# Nation

## South Carolina still on edge from floods; 2 die in truck

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)**—It could take until the weekend for the threat of flooding to ease in storm-tattered South Carolina, where a senator warned of a potential billion-dollar cleanup bill, two more people died in the floodwaters and the flagship university sent a home football

game 700 miles away.

Rivers rose and dams bulged as storm water from days of heavy rains made its way to the Atlantic Ocean, causing a second round of flooding downstream.

Gov. Nikki Haley paid a visit to the coast, which she said

would still be in danger for another 24-48 hours.

"We're holding our breath and saying a prayer," she said.

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham warned the disaster could "break the bank" of federal emergency funds, possibly topping more than \$1 billion.

In another image of the storm's otherworldly toll, state officials said caskets have popped out of the ground in 11 instances in six counties.

At least 19 people in South Carolina and North Carolina have died in the storm, while many survivors returned home to discover they'd lost every-



thing.

Wendy Dixon burst into sobs after realizing her wedding album and dozens of photos of her two sons and three grandchildren were destroyed.

Overcome with emotion and barely able to walk across her waterlogged carpet, Dixon grasped the arm of a niece inside the Columbia apartment.

"Everything is gone!" she wailed. "My clothes and all can be replaced. But my little things, my pictures, are all gone."

It was another anxious day of waiting for floodwaters to recede around the capital city.

About 1,000 residents near

the compromised Beaver Dam were told to evacuate Wednesday morning, though the order was lifted several hours later when crews shored up the dam.

Haley said 62 dams across the state were being monitored, and 13 had already failed. However, she said South Carolina was fortunate that those represented only a small fraction of 2,000 or so dams regulated by the state.

At a news conference, Haley and other officials were asked repeatedly about whether the state had spent enough in previous years to maintain dams and other infrastructure.

## Obama apologizes to aid group for US attack on Afghan clinic

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—President Barack Obama apologized to Doctors Without Borders on Wednesday for the American air attack that killed at least 22 people at its hospital in Afghanistan, and said the U.S. would examine military procedures to look for better ways to prevent such incidents.

Obama's telephone call to the group's international president, Joanne Liu, came a day after the White House had stopped short of an apology, waiting to learn more while acknowledging that the attack was a U.S. mistake. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama offered condolences to the staff and pledged a "transparent, thorough and objective accounting of the facts."

Liu confirmed the apology and, in a written statement, reiterated her organization's call for the U.S. government to consent to an independent investigation "to establish what happened in Kunduz, how it happened, and why it happened."

"When the United States makes a mistake, we own up to

it, we apologize where appropriate, and we are honest about what transpired," Earnest said. He described Obama's apology as "heartfelt."

Emerging details about the erroneous strike have only fueled growing condemnation by Doctors Without Borders and other aid groups in the four days since the clinic in the northern city of Kunduz came under heavy fire that killed a dozen staffers and 10 patients. After initial confusion, officials determined the U.S. had carried out the strike, an admission that complicates delicate U.S. efforts in Afghanistan as Obama weighs how many troops to leave there.

Obama told Liu that the U.S. would review the attack to determine whether changes to U.S. military procedures could reduce the chances of a similar incident. Obama also spoke with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to convey condolences and praise Afghan forces for securing Kunduz, the White House said. Taliban fighters had seized control of Kunduz for three days last week.

## Oregon gunman killed himself after police wounded him

**ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP)**—The gunman who fatally shot nine people at an Oregon community college last week killed himself in front of his victims after two police officers wounded him, authorities said Wednesday.

When two plainclothes detectives spotted Christopher Harper-Mercer in the doorway of a campus building, he fired at them, and the officers quickly returned fire. The killer then went back inside and shot himself in a classroom where many of his victims lay dead and wounded, a prosecutor told a news conference.

It was authorities' most detailed account yet of the gunman's death. Previously, they had said only that the 26-year-old attacker killed himself after a shootout.

The detectives arrived within minutes of the first reports of gunfire at Umpqua Community College.

Seconds later, the officers "both felt they had a good target," Douglas County District

Attorney Rick Wesenberg said. Two of their bullets hit a wall. A third struck Harper-Mercer on the right side.

The wounded gunman "entered the classroom again, went to the front of the classroom and shot and killed himself," Wesenberg said.

The attack in this rural timber town was the worst mass shooting in Oregon history. Eight students and a teacher died. Nine others were wounded.

A private memorial has been held for Lawrence Levine, who was killed while teaching the class. Another private service was held Wednesday for 44-year-old Sarena Dawn Moore of Myrtle Creek. More funerals are scheduled through Saturday.

President Obama plans to travel to Roseburg on Friday to meet with victims' families. Obama's calls for stricter gun laws in the wake of the shootings did not sit well with many people in this conservative region, where gun ownership is pervasive.

## WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

**Category A:** General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

**Category B:** Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

**Category C:** Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

**Category D:** is a displaced homemaker;

**DISPLACED HOMEMAKER**—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

- (A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

**Category E:**

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

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## World

## Russia fires cruise missiles from warships into Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—Russian warships in the Caspian Sea fired cruise missiles Wednesday as Syrian government troops launched a ground offensive in central Syria in the first major combined air-and-ground assault since Moscow began its military campaign in the country last week.

The missiles flew nearly 1,500 kilometers (930 miles) over Iran and Iraq and struck Raqqa and Aleppo provinces in the north and Idlib province in the northwest, Russian officials said. The Islamic State group has strongholds in Raqqa and Aleppo, while the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front has a strong presence in Idlib.

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Russia was continuing to strike targets other than Islamic State militants, adding that he was concerned about the



Source: Russian Defense Ministry, Institute for the Study of War  
Graphic: Tribune News Service

Syrian ground offensive backed by Moscow's airpower.

The latest developments came a week after Russia began

airstrikes in Syria, its longtime ally, on Sept. 30, and added a new dimension to the complex war that has torn apart the Middle East country since 2011.

Activists and rebels say the targets have included Western-backed fighters and other groups opposed to President Bashar Assad.

A Syrian official and activists said government troops pushed into areas in the central province of Hama and south of Idlib in the boldest multipronged attack on rebel-held areas, benefiting from the Russian air cover. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

Moscow has mainly targeted central and northwestern Syria, strategic regions that are the gateway to Assad's strong-

holds in Damascus, and along the Mediterranean coast where Russia has a naval base.

The Russian airstrikes strikes appear to have emboldened Syrian troops to launch the ground push after a series of setbacks in northwestern Syria in recent months.

The Islamic State group is not present in the areas where the ground fighting is underway.

The offensive in central Syria and the ensuing clashes with militants, including the Nusra Front, was the first major ground fighting since the Russian campaign began.

Appearing on television with President Vladimir Putin, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said 26 missile strikes were conducted from four warships in the Caspian. Shoigu insisted the operation destroyed all the targets and did not launch any strikes on civilian areas.

The launches marked the combat debut of the Russian Kalibr long-range cruise missiles, equivalent to U.S. Tomahawk missiles.

"The fact that we launched precision weapons from the Caspian Sea to the distance of

about 1,500 kilometers and hit all the designated targets shows good work by military industrial plants and good skills of personnel," Putin said.

Andrei Kartapolov of the Russian General Staff told Russian news agencies the strikes were planned so that the cruise missiles would fly "over unpopulated areas." Shoigu also said Russia has carried out 112 airstrikes on IS positions since Sept. 30.

Iranian state TV, citing Russian media, reported that the Russian missiles flew through Iran's airspace and hit targets in Syria.

## Syrian militant group recasts itself as moderate option

BEIRUT (AP)—The militants brought the two men into a square in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo, then announced their punishment for failing to attend Friday prayers: 25 lashes delivered by a hose-wielding militant that left their backs covered in welts and dark bruises.

The whipping, captured on video as dozens of men and boys watched, was carried out two years ago by the ultraconservative Ahrar al-Sham, or Free Men of Syria, an Islamic militant group with links to al-Qaida.

But since then, the group has been shifting tactics, seeking to portray itself as a moderate force fighting both President

Bashar Assad's troops and the extremists of the Islamic State group. Backed by U.S.-ally Turkey, Ahrar al-Sham has sought to recast itself as a player acceptable to Washington and the West, while distancing itself from al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria and its jihadi ideology.

To that end, Labib Al Nahhas, the group's self-styled foreign affairs director, has written opinion pieces in the Washington Post and Britain's Daily Telegraph that present Ahrar al-Sham as a moderate alternative and potential partner for Western governments.

The group has also vowed to defeat what it calls the Russian "occupation" of Syria after

Moscow began launching airstrikes on insurgents last week. In a post on Twitter, its leader, Muhannad al-Masri, warned: "The Soviet Union entered Afghanistan, where it faced its end, and its boys will face the same end in the land of the Levant, God willing."

Unlike the Islamic State group and al-Qaida's branch in Syria, the Nusra Front, Ahrar al-Sham is not on the U.S. list of terrorist organizations. However, Washington remains suspicious because of its links to al-Qaida, especially since one of the group's founders was known to be close to al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

## Suu Kyi says she will lead govt if party wins Myanmar polls

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Wednesday if her party wins upcoming elections she will lead the country from behind the scenes—circumventing a clause in the constitution that bars her from the presidency. If the Nov. 8 vote is credible, most observers believe Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party will win the most seats in the country's parliament. By forming a coalition with smaller parties, it could control a majority. A clause in the 2008 constitution, drafted when the country was under military rule, prevents Suu Kyi from taking the top job because her late husband and two children are British nationals. There are no obvious alternatives within her party's ranks.

## Chinese tourist glass walkway closed after cracks appear

BEIJING (AP)—Tourism officials have closed a newly opened glass walkway in a central China scenic spot after cracks appeared in the structure at the height of the weeklong National Day holiday. The glass walkway in Henan province's Yuntaishan scenic area had been supporting dozens of tourists on Monday when the cracks appeared with a loud bang. A single pane of the 68

meter (223 foot) long section shattered into coin-sized segments, according to footage on state broadcaster CCTV. The area's management bureau said on its microblog Thursday that there was no threat to safety because only one of the three layers of glass that make up the walkway was damaged. It said investigators were looking into the cause of the fissures and added that the walkway is able to support weights of more than 800 kilograms per square meter (175 pounds per square foot).

## Elephant electrocuted in India when tree falls on power line

NEW DELHI (AP)—As their forest habitats shrink and villages edge closer, it's not uncommon for wild elephants in India to destroy crops and homes and sometimes even kill people. Sometimes, coming too close to civilization leads to tragic consequences for the pachyderms. In remote parts of the northeastern state of Assam elephants are sometimes run over by speeding trains. An elephant was killed early Wednesday when a tree he had uprooted to eat fell on an electric tower in the Goalpara region of Assam. Villagers said the rest of the herd of 20-25 elephants tried to help but were scared by the jolts of power and finally had to abandon the animal.

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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF	CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-0150
TETSUO KOSHIRO, Deceased.	NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Date: November 17, 2015  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Judge: David A. Wiseman

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE TETSUO KOSHIRO OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Linda Koshiro has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Tetsuo Koshiro, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Charity R. Hodson, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition by Linda Koshiro, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on November 17, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to CHARITY R. HODSON, Attorney at Law, at the address hereinabove indicated.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2015.

/s/  
Clerk of Court  
Deputy Clerk of Court

Theresita I. Somorang  
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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF Catherine Igisomar Somorang (D.O.B. 6/12/1976)	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 15-0466
An Incompetent by Theresita Igisomar Somorang Petitioner	NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship for the above-named by Theresita I. Somorang, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before Kenneth L. Govendo on the 29th day of October, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz  
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By: /s/  
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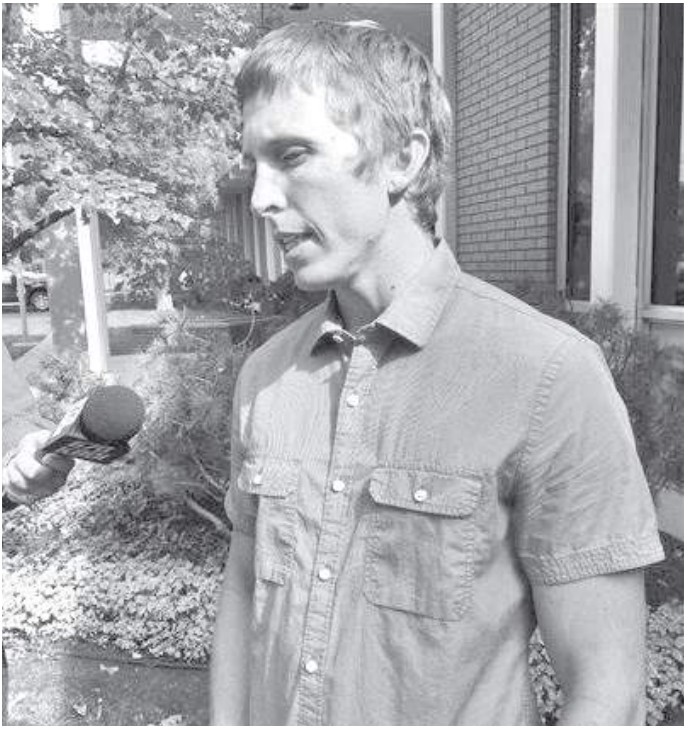
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# Off The Wall

## Sleeping Idaho hunter wakes up to black bear biting his head



**BOISE, Idaho (AP)**—A hunter asleep in the remote Idaho wilderness woke up when he felt something tugging on his hair. Then he heard the black bear breathing.

Stephen Vouch, 29, reached behind his head and felt it was wet. He yelled when he realized a bear was biting at his head.

"He got a hold of my head, and that's what woke me up," the Boise resident said Wednesday, who was in the rugged area hunting bighorn sheep with friends. "That's when I kind of freaked out. That's when I could

hear the bear breathing on me."

His scream startled the bear, which jumped and hit the tarp above where they were sleeping. The tarp tumbled, entangling the animal and the hunters around 2 a.m. Friday.

"That's when my buddy's gun went off," Vouch said.

The bear, wounded by a shot from the .45-caliber handgun, scrambled into a nearby tree. Vouch, cut but not seriously injured, shot and killed it.

Vouch said he and his friends were prepared with medical supplies for emergencies but

AP  
Stephen Vouch of Boise, talks to a reporter on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015 at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Boise, Idaho and describes being bitten in the back of the head by a black bear while he slept at a hunting camp in central Idaho on Oct. 2.

didn't have a satellite phone, so he didn't receive medical care for three days.

The hunting group patched him up, then rafted downstream before flying out of the remote Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness on Sunday.

Vouch was treated Monday at a hospital for cuts to his head and released.

Idaho Fish and Game officials estimate that the male bear was about 3 to 7 years old and weighed 200 to 275 pounds. Jon Rachael, state wildlife manager with the department, said it's not clear why the bear entered the camp because the hunters had stored their food properly.

One possibility is the bear may have become accustomed to finding food from the many rafters that float the Middle Fork of the Salmon River each summer, he said.

Or the bear may have never encountered people, and out of curiosity, chomped on what may have appeared to be fur, Rachael said. If the bear intended to kill, the attack would have been much more violent, he said.

It's the second time this year that someone sleeping outdoors in Idaho has been attacked by a black bear. In early September, state officials trapped and killed a black bear near McCall in west-central Idaho that bit a sleeping firefighter who had been battling blazes in the region.

Rachael said it's been a tough

year for bears because destructive wildfires and drought have made for an exceptionally bad berry season, a key food source.

In bear country, Rachael recommends bear spray rather than guns because of the danger of accidentally shooting fellow campers while trying to fend off a bear.

Vouch said he plans to return to the area within the next several weeks to continue hunting for bighorn sheep. In Idaho, the opportunity to hunt Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep is rare—hunters are allowed to harvest only one in a lifetime.

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On September 13, 2015 our Heavenly Father welcome our beloved

†**Josephine "Josie" Lifoifoi Tajibmai**

to her new eternal life. We entrust our beloved †Josie to God Almighty for his unfailing love and the gift of Christian life for our beloved †Josie that she is now in a better place in the presence of our Creator in Heaven.

Our heartfelt and profound appreciation to all our families, relatives and friends near and far whose words of comfort unselfishly gave us courage to have faith in God and that his love comes in so many ways. Your presence and encouragement during the course of our beloved †Josie's celebration had helped us to know that our beloved †Josie is really in a better world.

Your nightly companionship in prayers and generous contributions and support to the family will forever be in us as we find them to be our comfort and encouragement to move on, so that our beloved †Josie will also move on.

*To God be the Glory!*

**Sabastian Tajibmai and Children  
Jose and Cecila Lifoifoi and Children**

### **OFFBEAT BRIEFS**

#### **Police: Partially-clothed intruder found sleeping in home**

**WENTZVILLE, Mo. (AP)**—A 53-year-old man has been charged with burglary and harassment after he was found asleep in an empty bedroom of someone else's Missouri home. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports Gregory Trent Cole was charged Monday. Authorities say Cole entered a home in the St. Louis suburb of Wentzville and went into a bedroom early Sunday while the people who lived in the home were in another room. They say he removed some of his clothes and went to sleep. Police say the man was discovered around 8 a.m., wearing only underwear and a shirt.

#### **Woman found inside portable toilet gets arrested on warrants**

**EUGENE, Ore. (AP)**—A woman wanted on identity theft charges has been arrested in Oregon after a construction worker lifted the lid of a portable toilet to find her hiding inside. The Register-Guard reports that 27-year-old Treasure Dawn Shockey, who had two warrants for her arrest, ran when police in Eugene tried to talk to her Saturday. Police say a witness told them she saw the woman

run through her yard and climb a fence onto the property of the Eugene Swim and Tennis Club. About 20 minutes later, a construction worker told police he had lifted the lid of a port-a-potty and been surprised to see her inside. Police say Shockey left the toilet and they arrested her.

#### **Caterpillar that's new to Pennsylvania can cause skin rashes**

**STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)**—The bad news is that a Canadian caterpillar now found in Pennsylvania can cause a nasty rash. The good news is that most cases can be treated at home with lotion and ice, though it'll cause several hours of discomfort. WJAC-TV says there have been many recently reported cases in State College and elsewhere in central Pennsylvania. The white hickory tussock moth caterpillar is to blame. The caterpillar's fuzzy black spines contain venom they use to ward off predators. But it can also irritate human skin. State College resident Bryant Martin says he and his 5-year-old son learned that the hard way. The boy was letting the caterpillar crawl on his hand Sunday and developed a rash minutes later. MedExpress Dr. Joseph Betz says the rash is only temporary.



# Science & Technology

## For 1st time, MIT's free online classes can lead to degree

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has offered free online courses for the last four years with one major downside: They didn't count toward a degree. That's about to change.

In a pilot project announced Wednesday, students will be able to take a semester of free online courses in one of MIT's graduate programs and then, if they pay a "modest fee" of about \$1,500 and pass an exam, they will earn a MicroMaster's credential, the school said.

The new credential represents half of the university's one-year master's degree program in supply chain management. As part of the pilot project, students who perform well in the online half can take an exam to apply for the second semester on campus. Those who get in would pay \$33,000, about half the cost of the yearlong program.

"Anyone who wants to be here now has a shot to be here," MIT President L. Rafael Reif said. "They have a chance to prove in advance that they can do the work."

The cost of the MicroMaster's includes \$150 for each of the five online classes, plus up to \$800 to take the exam. The first courses will launch this winter, with plans to route about 40 students each semester from the online courses to the campus program.

Students in the supply chain management program are typically mid-career workers who take a year off work for intense training. But MIT said there's heavy demand from companies to train more students in the field, which examines the flow of goods from manufacturer to consumer.

"We produce 40 students a year, and they say that's a drop in the bucket; we need thousands," said Yossi Sheffi, director of the MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics.

As free online courses have spread across the country in recent years, some academics predicted that it would spell the end of traditional courses, and perhaps the need for university degrees. But MIT follows



other colleges that are merging free Web classes with school-stamped credentials.

This year, Arizona State University started offering freshman courses online for free, with the option to pay for course credit later at a cost of up to \$200 per credit hour. The Georgia Institute of Technology offers an online master's degree in computer science for \$6,600,

but the classes can be taken for free without credit. The University of Illinois has an online master's degree in business using a similar model.

MIT and Harvard were seen as pioneers in 2011 when they created edX, a provider of free online classes. The idea was to spread education far and wide, snipping the tie between knowledge and academic credit. Although the pilot program will reintroduce course credit, MIT says it's the next step along the same path.

"The new MicroMaster's is an important modular credential for the digital age, and promises to serve as academic currency in a continuous, lifelong learning world," Anant Agarwal, an MIT professor and CEO of edX, said in a statement. "It also affords an evolutionary path for universities in the face of mounting prices."

For students, it's also a new route into the university, bucking the traditional admissions system that relies on past academic records.

"That admission system works well for people who went to schools we know very well," Reif said. "But for people from outside that familiar circle, it can be hard to break in."

The president added that if the new model is successful, it could expand to other MIT programs. But the school also must weigh its costs.

### TECH Q & A

## How to save email on a computer hard drive

By STEVE ALEXANDER  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Several readers were confused about last week's column dealing with backing up email to avoid losing it ([tinyurl.com/qg7hc4n](http://tinyurl.com/qg7hc4n)). They wondered how to copy an email folder to a Windows PC or Macintosh hard drive, as suggested by IT expert Dennis Fazio.

The answer is to install a type of program called an "email client." Email clients for PC, such as Microsoft Outlook (\$110, [tinyurl.com/p8fhqlp](http://tinyurl.com/p8fhqlp)), Windows Live Mail (free, [tinyurl.com/785mex9](http://tinyurl.com/785mex9)) and Mozilla Thunderbird (free, [tinyurl.com/3dhvppf](http://tinyurl.com/3dhvppf)) can automatically import your messages

from your email provider and store them on your hard drive. For a list of Macintosh email client programs, some of them free, see [tinyurl.com/lju5429](http://tinyurl.com/lju5429). For other free PC email client programs, see [tinyurl.com/ofq3qml](http://tinyurl.com/ofq3qml).

Is there another backup method besides using an email client? Yes, but it's time-consuming. You can copy each email message and paste it into a Microsoft Word file. This is less practical if you have a huge backlog of email.

If backing up your email to your computer seems too daunting, consider this: Have a copy of your email automatically forwarded to another email account, preferably one at a differ-

ent provider. (In addition, many email providers will allow you to import, or copy, all the old messages from your original email account.)

To set up email forwarding for Gmail, see [tinyurl.com/m6v2fqq](http://tinyurl.com/m6v2fqq). For Yahoo, see [tinyurl.com/puaag59](http://tinyurl.com/puaag59). When you set up email forwarding, specify that you want messages to remain in your original email account while being copied to the second account.

The drawback to email forwarding is that you're still depending on an Internet company to safeguard your email instead of backing it up on your computer (and from there to an external hard drive or flash drive). But it's safer to have two online copies of your messages than just one.

**Edina, Minn.**

**A:** Considering that you've already tried three file recovery programs, the data is probably lost. But you can try two Word features called "open and repair" and "recover text from any file."

To use the former, choose the Word "open" command to get a list of files. Select the corrupted file from the list and then click the arrow next to the "open" button below the list. From the drop-down menu, click "open and repair," which may bring it back.

To use the latter, click "open" to get a list of files. In the box directly above the open button, click the arrow. From the resulting menu select "recover text from any file." Then select the corrupted file from the list, and click the open button below the list, which may bring it back but without images.

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## Pandora says it will buy Ticketfly for \$450M

NEW YORK (AP)—Streaming music company Pandora said Wednesday it is buying ticket seller Ticketfly for \$450 million in a deal the two see changing the way fans find new music and learn about concerts, and artists plan their tours.

Pandora says about 80 million people use its free service every month to listen to music and comedy on their computers and mobile devices. Ticketfly provides ticketing and marketing software for venues and event promoters, making it easier for fans to find and buy tickets.

The combination will allow them harness data generated by their users to tell fans when bands they like are in town and sell them tickets, while steering

artists to areas where a lot of people give a "thumbs up" to their music on Pandora.

"We believe this acquisition closes the loop for Pandora by creating a one-stop-shop for artist discovery, marketing, and concert ticket sales," said Stifel Nicolaus analyst John Egbert. "Pandora can now share in the upside of live music industry growth that is undoubtedly being driven in large part by rapid growth in streaming music consumption."

The deal, which is expected to be complete by the end of this year, comes at a time when fewer people are buying and downloading music and more are streaming it. Meanwhile, touring is becoming a bigger and bigger source of income for artists.



# Life & Style

## Janet Jackson, Chicago, The Cars nominated for rock hall

NEW YORK (AP)—Janet Jackson, Steve Miller, Chicago and The Cars are among the first-time nominees being considered for induction next year in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Cheap Trick, Los Lobos, Chaka Khan and James Brown’s famed backup band The J.B.’s also are new to the ballot. Eight of the 15 potential honorees are first-timers, although none are in their first year of eligibility.

More than 800 artists and members of the music industry vote on the inductees, who will be announced in December. Fans can also vote on the rock hall’s website toward a “fan’s ballot” that will also be counted.

Artists back on the ballot for another try are Chic, Deep Purple, N.W.A., Nine Inch Nails, the Smiths, the Spinners and Yes.

Janet—Miss Jackson if you’re nasty—would uphold a family tradition. The Jackson 5 were inducted in 1997 and her late brother Michael joined as a solo artist in 2001. The singer of “If,” “All For You” and “That’s the Way Love Goes” just released “Unbreakable,” her first new disc since 2008.

The California-based Miller, with hits like “Fly Like an Eagle” and “Jet Airliner” to his name, was a stalwart of 1970s radio along with the jazzy soft rock of Chicago, known for “Colour My World” and “If You Leave Me Now.” The Cars’ brit-



In this June 28, 2015, file photo, Janet Jackson accepts the ultimate icon: music dance visual award at the BET Awards in Los Angeles.

tle New Wave pop of “My Best Friend’s Girl” helped define the turn into the 1980s. Los Lobos’ “How Will the Wolf Survive” and “Kiko” albums were critical favorites and the band has endured as a top live act.

The stuttering recitation of Chaka Khan’s name was a signature of her 1984 hit “I Feel For You.” The J.B.’s well-disciplined tightness and supreme funk made them among the most sampled artists in music. Midwestern favorites Cheap Trick’s Beatles-at-

top-volume sound became a hit after they traveled to Japan and made a live album before an enthusiastic audience.

Artists are eligible for the hall 25 years after their first music is released. Acts nominated in their first year of eligibility, like Green Day last year, usually are slam dunks for inclusion but no one fits that bill this year.

Of the returning nominees, Los Angeles rappers N.W.A. received a major publicity boost through the move “Straight Outta Comp-

ton.” This is the fourth year in a row they’ve been nominated.

The nomination process hasn’t resulted in “Good Times” for Chic. This marks their 10th time as a nominee; no other artist has been nominated so many times without induction.

The Cleveland-based Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum generally inducts five performers a year, along with separately considered inductees in categories like non-performers or early influences.

## People magazine issues gun violence ‘call to action’

NEW YORK (AP)—In the aftermath of the Oregon school shooting, People magazine did something it always does: It covered the story at length and wrote about each victim. But the magazine also did something it hasn’t done before.

It issued a “call to action,” asking readers to contact their representatives in Congress and find out what they’re doing

about gun violence. It printed the names and phone numbers of all 535 voting members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

“Ask your representatives about gun violence in America, and let them know what you think,” says the accompanying message, which appears in the issue on newsstands Wednesday, and was posted

on People.com.

Jess Cagle, People’s editorial director, said reaction so far has been “generally supportive.” But he added that some people had immediately criticized the magazine for taking a political stand—which, he said, editors took pains not to do.

“All we’re saying is, ‘Hold your representatives’ feet to the fire,’” Cagle said. “‘Let them

## Steve-O of ‘Jackass’ gets 30 days in jail for SeaWorld stunt

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“Jackass” star Steve-O was sentenced Wednesday to 30 days in jail for climbing at least 100 feet up a crane in Hollywood in a protest against SeaWorld that drew dozens of emergency responders.

Steve-O, whose real name is Stephen Glover, received the sentence after pleading no contest to misdemeanor trespassing and illegal use of fireworks, Los

## Quvenzhané Wallis has deal to write children’s books

NEW YORK (AP)—An Oscar nominee at age 9, Quvenzhané Wallis is now getting an early start on a writing career.

The actress known for “Beasts of the Southern Wild” has a deal with Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers for a chapter book series and a picture book. The publisher said Wednesday the series will have three chapter books; the first is scheduled for January 2017. The work is currently untitled.

“Reading is very important,” Wallis, whose other films include “Annie” and “12 Years a Slave,” said in a statement issued through her publisher. “It allows people to form a visual experience in their minds of what is going on in the story. I hope all

readers enjoy using their imaginations along with me and take a journey into my books.”

Both the series and the picture book should remind readers of the actress herself, now 12. The series features a “precocious and talented” third grader with star potential; the picture book will have a “spunky young heroine” anxious to attend an awards show.

Wallis will have a co-writer, still to be determined, for the chapter books. Illustrators for her picture book and chapter series also have yet to be chosen.

Wallis will be among the youngest authors in years. Last decade, pre-teen Mattie J.T. Stepanek wrote several best-selling poetry books.

## Singer Julio Iglesias calls Donald Trump ‘a clown’

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Julio Iglesias has jumped into the U.S. political debate, calling Donald Trump “a clown” over the Republican presidential candidate’s derogatory comments about Mexican migrants.

The singer says he will no longer perform in casinos owned by the real estate tycoon. He says Trump is forgetting

what immigrants have done for the United States.

In an interview with the Spanish newspaper La Vanguardia, Iglesias says of Trump: “He’s a clown. I have sung many times in his casinos, but I will no longer do it.”

Iglesias is in Mexico for a couple of concerts before he begins a tour of Asia.

## Party guest feels singled out by subtle, ‘special’ treatment

**DEAR ABBY:** I was invited to a small gathering of women. I arrived punctually, was greeted by the hostess and asked if I wanted some water to drink. I accepted. As I looked around the room, everyone else had a glass of wine. When one other woman arrived a little while later and joined our group, the hostess asked her if she wanted wine or water to drink.

I have never abused alcohol. Why was I not given a choice? I later found out that all the other women had been given a “show up” time that was a half-hour earlier than my “show up” time.

I am hurt by the way I was treated. What are your thoughts?  
SECOND-CLASS CITIZEN IN FLORIDA

**DEAR SECOND-CLASS CITIZEN:** I think your hostess could learn a few things about hospitality, because you were treated shabbily. As it stands, you have nothing to lose by asking her why because I can’t imagine that you would ever accept another invitation from the woman if one is offered.

**DEAR ABBY:** At what point should grown kids in their 20s pay for their own “extras” (cellphone, gas, movies, gym memberships)? In my opinion, if they can’t afford these luxuries, they should get a second job or do without. My husband, on the other hand, thinks they should be “rewarded” simply for being good kids.

At this stage in their lives, I think gifts should be reserved for birthdays and Christmas only and that we have been raising kids with a sense of entitlement that may be detrimental to their future (and to our retirement). What are your thoughts on this?  
ODD WOMAN OUT IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR ODD WOMAN OUT:** My thoughts are these: If you are truly concerned that your husband’s generosity could have a negative impact on your retirement savings, then he may be overly generous. If the “children” expect these gifts and don’t realize how lucky they are to be receiving this kind of largesse, the gifts should be stopped. However, if neither of these things is true and your husband derives pleasure from doing this for them, you should stay out of it.

**DEAR ABBY:** Six months ago my brother told me he vapes. At first I didn’t think much of it. Because I pride myself on how well I keep secrets, I haven’t told our parents. But now his grades have started sliding, and I wonder if there’s a connection.

He’s going into his senior year of high school and his graduation is on the line. If vaping has had an effect on his grades, it might be best for me to tell our parents and figure things out from there. I don’t know what the right choice is. What should I do?  
HOLDING A SECRET IN WASHINGTON

### DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR HOLDING:** From what I have been reading lately, some teens have begun vaping marijuana, which is known to impair memory. Depending upon what substance your brother has been vaping, it could definitely be why his grades have dropped.

Secrets that can pose a danger shouldn’t be kept because they are not harmless. I think your instinct is to share your concerns with your parents, and I concur.

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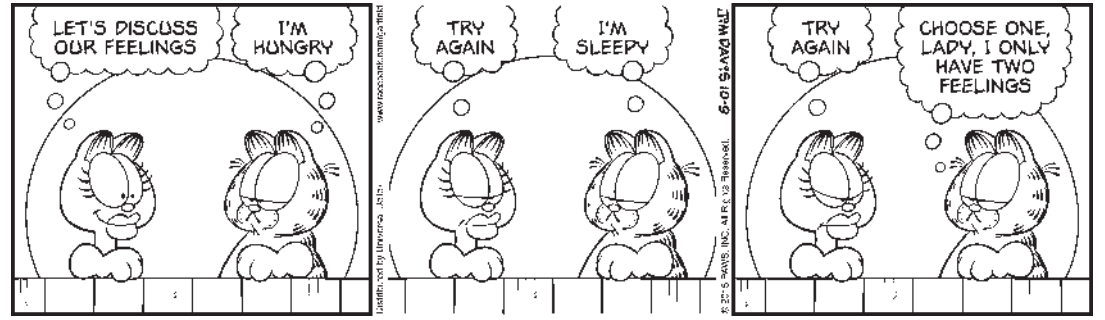
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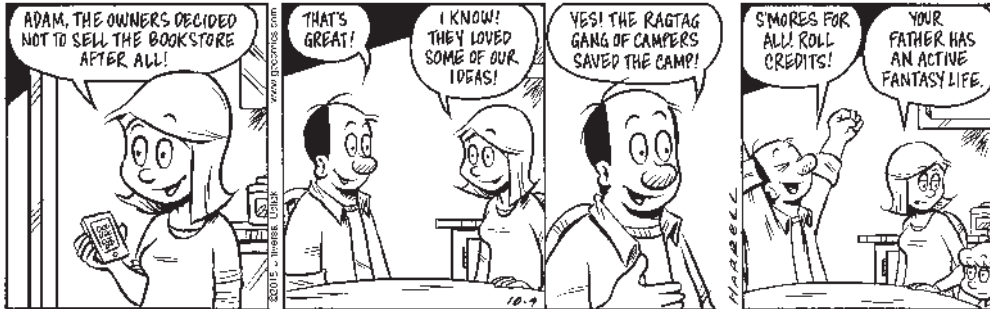
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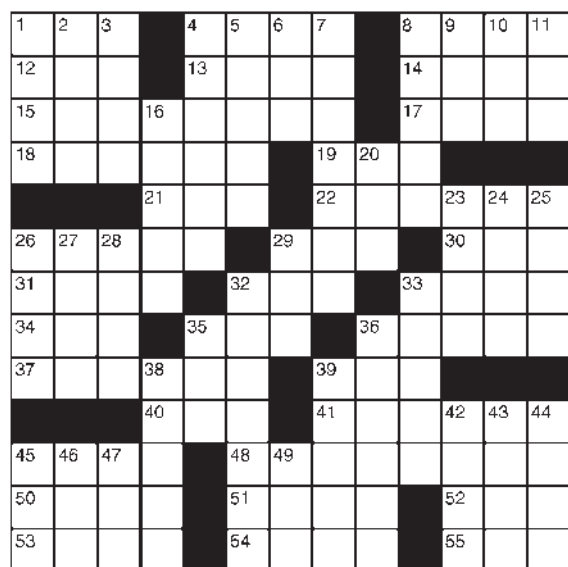
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**38 The "O" in OWN**  
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**Happy Birthday:** You will get the most back if you help the underprivileged by lending your talents to a humanitarian organization. Trying to make something work that has already run its course could be your downfall. Good fortune will come from doing what's best for you. Stop procrastinating and start moving forward. Be the master of your destiny. Your numbers are 7, 15, 18, 27, 31, 36, 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Using practical applications, you will prove to those you work with just how valuable you are. Hard work will bring greater opportunities and confidence. Don't be reluctant to initiate change. Put your interests first. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't wait for someone else to take over. Set up meetings and travel to a destination that encourages you to update your qualifications. Reach out to people who can influence your future. Love is on the rise and reunions are encouraged. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Do your best and don't worry about what everyone else is up to. Personal problems will be costly if you let them interfere with your job or your responsibilities. Search for workable solutions. Take care of your health. ★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Talk to friends or relatives and you will come up with some interesting ideas that will help you improve your surroundings or current living

situation. Being adaptable will help you make changes that you'd like to see unfold. ★★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll have to deal with the past before you can move ahead. Tie up loose ends and take care of money, legal or health issues. A change at home or to your status, reputation or position will turn out more favorably than anticipated. ★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Stay on top of your responsibilities. Don't give in to someone putting demands on your time or inconveniencing you in any way. Offer suggestions, but go about your business to ensure that you outperform any competition you encounter. ★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Keep busy helping others or reaching out to people who can help you with your concerns or interests. Bring about the changes that will lead to greater prosperity. Not everyone will like your decisions, but you can't please everyone. ★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You can achieve your goals if you set your mind on overdrive. What you do to promote and present your skills, knowledge and uniqueness will bring high rewards. An interesting lifestyle change will push you in the right direction. Love conquers all. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't take on too much or overindulge. Use your intelligence and gauge what's possible and what's not. Someone will try to make you look bad if you exaggerate or show off. Focus on home improvements to avoid outside influences. ★★

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Put everything on the line and stand behind your word. Financial, legal and health issues can all be dealt with if you are direct and honest. Use other people's indecisiveness to your advantage. Love and romance are favored. ★★★★★



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A move or a change to your personal relationship or joint venture is apparent. Opportunities for financial gains look positive. Don't exhaust yourself trying to please someone who is too demanding for what you get in return. ★★



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A new experience or acquaintance will perk you up. An opportunity to form a close bond with someone you find interesting must not be ignored even if it entails stepping out of your comfort zone. Love is highlighted. ★★

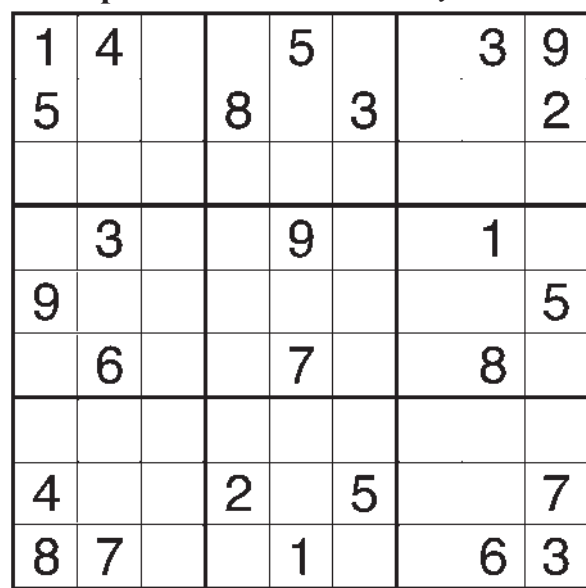
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By Dave Green

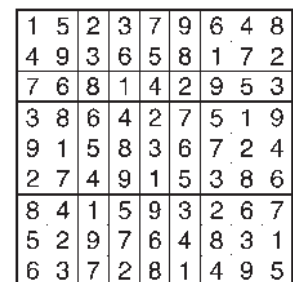


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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Arrieta, Cubs silence Pirates to win NL wild-card game



**PITTSBURGH**

(AP)—Maybe it's time to stop treating the Chicago Cubs like they're too young to be here.

The stage they seemingly weren't ready for now seems hardly big enough to contain them. Not with Jake Arrieta dealing. Not with a group of 20-somethings in the field that play with swagger and confidence. Not with a manager adept at keeping the minds of his rapidly maturing team decidedly clutter-free.

Watch out baseball, the Cubs—yes, the Cubs—are ahead of schedule. And the timetable only seems to be picking up speed for Joe Maddon's bunch.

Arrieta allowed four hits in nine dominant innings and Chicago rolled to a 4-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the NL wild-card game on Wednesday night. Arrieta struck out 11 without a walk. He also dusted himself off getting plunked by Pittsburgh reliever Tony Watson to send the Cubs to the NL Division Series in St. Louis starting on Friday.

"I'm exhausted. I haven't felt this way all year," said Arrieta, who led the majors with 22 wins. "This atmosphere, the energy was unbelievable. Tried to use it to the best of my ability. They were loud, they were really loud."

Dexter Fowler homered and scored three times for the Cubs. Kyle Schwarber, a rookie who began his season in Double-A, added a towering two-run shot off Pittsburgh starter Gerrit Cole as Chicago raced to an early lead and let Arrieta do the rest.

"Jake told me when we talked last night, he said, 'You give me a few runs, I'm good,'" Fowler said. "And I said, 'All right, bro, we'll see what we can do.'"

The largest crowd ever at PNC Park failed to rattle Arrieta or one of baseball's youngest teams, one that looked right at home while snapping a nine-game playoff losing streak that dated to the 2003 NL Championship Series.

"You don't think that these guys are 21, 23 years old, because they don't play like it," Arrieta said. "They have elevated their play to a level that's beyond their years, and it's one of the big reasons we're here."

Sounds a lot like the Houston Astros, by the way. They opened this year's postseason Tuesday night by winning the AL wild-card game at Yankee Stadium.

Pittsburgh was knocked out after finishing second in the majors with 98 victories this year. Last season, the Pirates also were shut out on four hits at home in the wild-card game, losing to Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants.

"Two years in a row we've drawn a tough bull," manager Clint Hurdle said.



The bearded, 29-year-old Arrieta, still unbeaten since July 25, stretched his remarkable second half—in which he posted an 0.75 ERA—into the opening round of the playoffs. He threw the first complete-game shutout for the Cubs in the postseason since Claude Passeau tossed a one-hitter in the 1945 World Series against Detroit.

Arrieta even laughed off a weird sequence in the seventh when Watson's fastball hit him in his left side. The benches and bullpens cleared when Watson was issued a warning, leading to little more than a few heated exchanges along the first base line.

Pirates utility player Sean Rodriguez, who'd already been pulled, was ejected and proceeded to give an unsuspecting water cooler a series of one-two combinations, eventually sending it tumbling to the ground.

"It's two teams battling, grinding it out, supporting their own guys, and sometimes those things happen," Arrieta said. "But we moved past it, and after that point it was just baseball as usual."

And Arrieta was basically unhittable, as usual.

Hurdle shelved slugger Pedro Alvarez—whose 27 homers led the team but whose 23 errors made him a defensive liability—in favor of more sure-handed Rodriguez. Hurdle pointed to the athleticism Rodriguez brought as a major factor, figuring the Pirates would need to get creative to score against Arrieta

rather than hope Alvarez runs into the kind of mistake Arrieta has avoided nearly all season.

Maddon took the opposite approach, starting Kris Bryant in left and Schwarber in right and Tommy La Stella at third—positions each had played only sparingly during the regular season—because it was the lineup that presented the most firepower.

Did it ever.

Chicago took a 1-0 lead two

batters into the game when Fowler led off with a single, stole second and scored on a single to left by Schwarber.

The two hooked up again in the third. Fowler singled with one out and Schwarber turned an 88 mph slider from Cole into a massive two-run shot that appeared destined for the downtown Pittsburgh skyline before disappearing over the stands in right field.

"I watched," Schwarber ad-

mitted with a laugh.

The blast drained whatever juice remained from a crowd that spent the buildup to the showdown between the teams with the second and third best record in the majors trying to get a rise out of Arrieta on Twitter. All it did was fire him up, tweeting "whatever helps keep your hope alive, just know, it doesn't matter."

Pretty much.

Maddon has preached a "keep

it simple" approach since taking over last winter. When Arrieta is on the hill, Maddon's job tends to get pretty easy.

Arrieta retired 10 straight at one point, his only real wobbles coming in the sixth and seventh. Pittsburgh loaded the bases with one out behind a single, a hit batter and an error.

Starling Marte's sharp grounder, however, rolled right to Addison Russell at shortstop. A toss to second and a throw to first later to complete the double play, and Arrieta and the rest of his teammates were pumping their fist on the way back to the dugout.

The team with the best road record in the majors this season hardly fazed by the stakes or the weight of 106 years of postseason futility.

The Pirates, meanwhile, head into the offseason after a brief nine-inning stay. Last fall it was Bumgarner and the Giants who silenced the masses in an 8-0 whitewash on their way to winning the World Series.

This time it was Arrieta's turn, perhaps a more alarming development considering the Pirates will spend a large portion of the next decade trying to keep up with Schwarber, Bryant and Russell as well as the Cardinals in the hyper-competitive NL Central. St. Louis led the majors with 100 wins.

"Well, sports is hard," Hurdle said. "Life's not fair. You go out and play. You get beat, you move on."

## Source: Knicks' Fisher has altercation with Matt Barnes



**NEW YORK**

(AP)—Knicks coach Derek Fisher was involved in an altercation with Memphis Grizzlies forward and former teammate Matt Barnes in California on Saturday, a person with knowledge of the details said.

The New York Post, citing an anonymous source, reported Wednesday that the altercation was because Fisher is dating Barnes' estranged wife. Fisher filed for divorce from his wife, Candace, in March.

The person said Fisher traveled to Los Angeles after practice Saturday to see his children and the altercation happened that night while Fisher was attending a gathering at the home of Gloria Govan, Barnes' estranged wife. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because no comments were au-

thorized.

Fisher missed practice Monday—the team announced at the time it was for personal reasons—and led the Knicks in their exhibition opener Wednesday night against a Brazilian club team.

"My state of mind is that we have a game tonight and nothing that I've experienced has anything to do with how we perform tonight," Fisher said before the game, adding that he was "completely focused and committed to the team."

"I'm not distracted in any way," he said.

Fisher and Barnes were teammates with the Los Angeles Lakers from 2010-12. The Grizzlies held training camp last week in Santa Barbara, California, and the Post reported that Barnes drove to



Fisher

Govan's home when he learned that Fisher was there.

"We are aware and currently gathering information regarding today's report involving Matt Barnes," the Grizzlies said in a statement. "We have no further comment at this time."

An NBA spokesman said it would be premature to comment. Asked if he thought there could be legal ramifications, Fisher said: "I guess we'll see."

Fisher said he told his players about the situation when he gathered them before the game because he wanted them to hear about it from him directly.

"I'm here, I'm focused," he said. "It's not something that's going to take me away from who we are or what we're trying to do and I assured them of that."

Knicks All-Star Carmelo

Anthony said the Knicks were caught off guard by the news.

"Nobody really knew kind of what was going on—still nobody knows the details of what's happening," Anthony said. "So as a team it was just amongst us to kind of just let him deal with his own personal issues and us, when we come in here and it's time to play basketball, we deal with that."

Fisher is in his second season with the Knicks after spending most of his playing career in Los Angeles, where his children remain. He said his family decision should show his commitment to his job in New York.

"So as far as that goes, the guys are the ones that ultimately know who I am and what I'm about. They see me every day," Fisher said.

"If guys feel like I'm not here or not focused, they'll find that out. But at this point I don't think that's an issue."



# New coaches getting fast results with Falcons, Broncos, Jets



**FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga.** (A P) — Dan Quinn cranked up the music and turned up the energy for the Atlanta Falcons.

So far, the results have been nothing short of amazing.

The Falcons, who won only 10 games the last two seasons, are 4-0 for their new coach.

It's much the same in New York, where Todd Bowles has the Jets sitting at 3-1—just one victory shy of their 2014 total. Gary Kubiak took over a win-

ning team in Denver and kept it going, guiding the Broncos to a perfect start through the first month.

"I don't think there's any kind of magic to it," Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan said Wednesday. "I think Dan believes in what he stands for. I think guys respond to that."

It's not unusual at all for a new coach to have a positive impact right away.

A check of the last 20 years by The Associated Press showed that two-third of coaches who took over a team

before the start of a season—82 out of 122—led their new team to a better record than the previous year. The study did not include those who got the job during the season, often on an interim basis.

In many cases, the new coach starts with a low bar of expectations.

In Atlanta, Quinn took the obvious step of changing up the schemes on both sides of the line. But he also focused on the camaraderie of his players, who seem to have taken to a frenetic, high-energy approach

that includes loud music blaring at every practice.

"When you're really close in the locker room and that carries over to the field—the looks, the communication you have with one another, how hard you want to play for one another—that's what I see with our team," Quinn said. "That's exactly what I was hoping for."

Often when coming to an organization that has been at the bottom of the standings, a new coach can seize on his players' hunger for improvement and willingness to work just a little

bit harder than they did before.

"I saw it right off the bat," Quinn said. "We made tapes for everybody saying, 'Here are some things that you're doing really well, and here are some things you can improve upon.' To a man, the challenge was, 'Can you have the best offseason you've ever had? The best training camp you've ever had?' A lot of guys took that challenge right to heart and said, 'Yeah, I can do that.'"

The bigger challenge is to maintain that initial level of

success.

The rush of a new coach can wear off quickly, which happened before with the Falcons. In 2004, Jim Mora took over a team that went 5-11 the previous season and promptly went 11-5, winning a division title and guiding Atlanta to the NFC championship game.

Two years later, he was gone. The Falcons fired Mora after he followed up his memorable debut by going 15-17, missing the playoffs both seasons.

Not all new coaches are instant successes.

## NFL has some little-known rules and regulations

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Thanks to Seattle linebacker K.J. Wright and back judge Greg Wilson, football fans now know all about the obscure NFL rule known as the "illegal bat."

The Seahawks received a big break when a flag wasn't thrown on Wright for batting Calvin Johnson's fumble out of the back of the end zone for a touchback after Kam Chancellor knocked it loose just shy of the goal line.

The Lions (0-4) never got the ball at the 1 like they should have and went home still the league's only winless team. The Seahawks (2-2) might have

saved their season with the 13-10 win that could have ramifications deep into the winter.

Pete Carroll and Wright both admitted they didn't know the rule. NFL VP of Officiating Dean Blandino said the back judge didn't feel it was an "overt act," but the league's thick rule book doesn't mention any leeway for an inadvertent violation, stating: It is an illegal bat if:

a. any player bats or punches a loose ball in the field of play toward his opponent's goal line

b. any player bats or punches a loose ball (that has touched the ground) in any direction, if it is in either end zone

c. an offensive player bats a

backward pass in flight toward his opponent's goal line

There are several other obscure NFL rules that many people—and maybe even some officials—might not be aware of, such as "No player may deliberately kick a loose ball."

Here are some others:

**HEADS UP:** Every fan knows if a kickoff goes out of bounds before being touched by the receiving team, that team gets the ball at the 40-yard line instead of the 20. But how many know the returner can step out of bounds, reach back on the field of play and grab the ball to prevent a touchback? Randall Cobb of the Packers did. On Dec. 23, 2012, he made the heads-up play when

the Titans' kickoff stopped just inside his 5-yard line. Instead of trying to return it, Cobb stepped out of bounds and reached back to grab the ball at the 4, giving the Packers possession at their 40. That's because if any part of the player's body is out of bounds when he makes contact with the ball, the ball is ruled out of bounds.

**SAME SIDE:** "At the option of the home team, both the players' benches may be located on the same side of the field." Nobody does this anymore but the Packers used to when they split their home schedule between Green Bay and Milwaukee until they abandoned the old County Stadium 20 years ago. This made

for interesting substitutions and some winded players. One time, former Lions coach Wayne Fontes was so caught up in the action he didn't realize he had meandered all the way down in front of the Packers' bench and was grabbing the wrong players to send into the game.

**DELAY OF GAME:** Teams can get flagged even before the game begins. They'll lose the coin toss for both halves and any overtime and be assessed a 15-yard penalty from the spot of the kickoff for the first half if they're not on the field at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start of the game or if they don't send the captains out in time for the pregame coin toss, which occurs three minutes before kickoff.

**HIPSTERS:** While all play-

ers must wear shoulder, thigh and knee pads, hip pads aren't required. "It is recommended that all players wear hip pads designed to reasonably avoid the risk of injury," the rule book says. "Unless otherwise provided by individual team policy, it is the players' responsibility and decision whether to follow this recommendation and use such pads. If worn, such pads must be covered by the outer uniform."

**ROGER THAT:** In addition to the tightened pregame protocol for the two dozen primary game balls to prevent another "Deflategate" scandal, there are other rules pertaining to the pigskins. Among them: "The Ball must be a 'Wilson,' hand selected, bearing the signature of the Commissioner of the League, Roger Goodell."

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# Americans jump out to another lead in Presidents Cup

INCHEON, South Korea (AP)—Phil Mickelson and Zach Johnson won the only match that reached the 18th hole Thursday, the final touch on another dominant day for the Americans in the Presidents Cup.

The rest of the foursomes matches were not much of a contest as the Americans built a 4-1 lead after the opening session.

It was the fifth straight time the Americans have taken the lead in the opening round of this one-sided contest, and the three-point lead was their largest margin since they had a four-point lead in 2007 in Canada.

The Americans are going for their sixth straight victory, and after one day at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea, there was a familiar feel to the event.

The South African duo of Louis Oosthuizen and Branden Grace won the only match for the International side, taking advantage of a few poor shots by

Matt Kuchar to seize control on the back nine for a 3-and-2 win over Kuchar and Patrick Reed.

It was the first point for Grace, who went 0-4 two years ago at Muirfield Village in Ohio.

"I know we're behind," Grace said.

"But one point is better than none."

Even so, this was another strong display by the U.S., which never trailed in the other four matches and has lost only one time in the Presidents Cup since it began in 1994.

Rickie Fowler and Jimmy Walker, who halved all three of their team matches at the Ryder Cup last year, finally got their first full point in the shortest match of a short day. They ran off three straight birdies early and had three more on the back nine to win, 5 and 4, over Anirban Lahiri of India and Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand.

Jordan Spieth, the No. 1 player in the world, and Dustin Johnson proved as formidable as advertised in a 4-and-3 win over New Zealand's Danny Lee and Marc Leishman of Australia.

Perhaps the most pivotal match was the first one. Bubba Watson and J.B. Holmes, two of the longest hitters in golf, never trailed after a birdie on the second hole, though it was tight on the back nine against Australia's Adam Scott and Japan's Hideki Matsuyama.

By then, the Americans were ahead in three other matches, and the International team could have used a win to at least keep it close. The Americans were 1 up when Scott missed a putt to win the hole, and the U.S. pulled ahead 2 up when Matsuyama left a downhill birdie attempt short and Holmes rolled in an 8-foot birdie on No. 15. Holmes

rolled in a birdie on the 16th from about 15 feet to close out a 3-and-2 win.

Jason Day tried to give the International side at least a little momentum going into Friday. Day and Australian compatriot Steven Bowditch were 2 down to Mickelson and Johnson with two holes to play when Day poured in a 40-foot birdie putt to send the match to the 18th. Bowditch hit a long iron to about 18 feet for an eagle chance, though Mickelson pounded his tee shot so far that Johnson was able to stick his approach to 10 feet. Day narrowly missed the eagle putt, and conceded the eagle to the Americans for a 2-up win.

Mickelson, who has never missed a Presidents Cup, tied a tournament record with his 11th foursomes victory. Tiger Woods also has 11 foursomes wins.

The format was changed this year to eliminate one match a day and reduce the total points from 34 to 30. That didn't help the International side. The way Thursday went, it might have kept the score from being worse.



United States' Phil Mickelson, standing, helps teammate Zach Johnson line up a putt on the 12th green during their foursome match at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea, in Incheon, South Korea, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015.

## NMIFA kicks off youth fall league tomorrow

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Local football action resumes tomorrow with the opening of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League at the various pitches on the island.

First up are the three matches in the boys U15 division. Paire Football Club and MP United FC will kick off the hostilities in the age group with their 8am game at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Also set at the Oleai pitch at 10am is the encounter between Tan Holdings FC-1 and Kanoa FC, while the Tan Holdings FC-2 will collide against Shirley's FC at the same time over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field. Matansa FC completes the division and drew a bye in the opening week.

Next to play at the Hopwood pitch are the four teams entered in the co-ed U12 A division (competitive). Paire will also be paired against MP United in the 1pm game at Pitch 1, while Tan Holdings

takes on Kanoa at Pitch 2.

After the co-ed U12 A teams, it will be the turn of the girls U15 squads to showcase their wares in the season-opening week. Six teams will battle for the fall season championship and all of them will play in the weekend games. MP United and Paire will meet at 2:30pm at Pitch 1, while over at Pitch 2 at the same time, Matansa will challenge Tan Holdings. In the last game at 4pm, Shirley's FC will square off against Kanoa FC at Pitch 1.

Back at the Oleai pitch, the boys U18 division will have two games per playing day. Paire and Tan Holdings will duel in the opener at 2:30pm, while Matansa faces MP United in the second match at 4:15pm.

All the divisions in the competitive league will have a shortened season as the event had a late start due to Typhoon Soudelor. The boys U18 and co-ed U12 A divisions will have a double-round robin format to

determine the season champions, while the boys and girls U15 age groups will implement a single-round robin play.

Meanwhile, the non-competitive age groups will also start the fall season this Saturday. In the co-ed U8 division, Mariana Islands vision, seven teams are playing with Paire 1 meeting MP United 1 at 3:30pm at Dandan pitch, MP United 1 colliding against Shirley's at Navy Hill, and Kanoa and Tan Holdings seeing action at the William S. Reyes Elementary School Field. Matansa got a bye in Week 1.

In the co-ed U10, the opening week games are as follows: Paire vs MP United 1 at Dandan; MP United 2 vs Shirley's at Navy Hill; and Kanoa vs Tan Holdings at WSR. All matches will be played at 2:30pm. In the co-ed U12B division, games are set for 1:30pm with Kanoa battling Shirley's at WSR and Matansa fighting MP United at San Antonio Middle School Field.

here is a lot faster, more technical, and a lot more physical. The biggest obstacle for athletes from the islands is exposure. There is so much talent on Saipan that's been unrecognized," the 6'1 guard added.

With his stint at The Hoop College Bound Showcase and upcoming high school season this winter, Mendoza vowed to become a better player every day to get ready for the collegiate level.

"As for college, I'm being opened-minded about everything right now. I'd want to go somewhere in the West Coast. I think the most realistic approach is to get into a junior college or a Division II school and go on from there. My ultimate goal is to play college ball," said Mendoza.

to-back championships in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Basketball League.

He also won a handful of individual awards in both adult and youth leagues on Saipan and represented the CNMI in a couple of regional tournaments before moving to Seattle, Washington this year.

He is now a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School in Auburn, Washington and plays point guard for the squad.

"Basketball out here is definitely a whole new level. But honestly, Saipan has a lot of talent. I think about the guys I play with back home like (Chris Mizer, Karlo De Leon, Michael Espinosa, Jack Aranda, Prince Factor, and Jesse Santos) and they could definitely do some work out here. Basketball out

## Laolao Bay opens Kids Club



Laolao Bay Golf & Resort will start its LaoLao Kids Club tomorrow, Oct. 10, from 9am to 3pm at the Kagman facility.

The weekly event, which will be held every Saturday and Sunday, will last throughout the year and is open to kids ages 6 to 12 years old.

Driving range golf lessons, use of swimming pool and kids activity room, and lunch and snacks are included in the registration fee.

The registration fees are \$55 per child per day or \$100 per child for the entire weekend.

Local market developer Franco Santos, who will be one of the golf range instructors, said Laolao Bay resort staff is going to be involved in the program.

"Each department will have specific programs assigned throughout the entire duration of the event," said Santos, who was hired five years ago as a product of Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's high school coop program.

Santos, who also came out of

the CNMI junior golf program, was a member of Kagman High School's men's golf team that played in the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization.

"I will be involved mostly in all golf activities with the other golf coaches here," added Santos, who represented the CNMI in the XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby last July.

The inaugural program is a brainchild of LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort president Kim Chang Ho.

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going up against in the future," said Mendoza.

The camp had live streaming and also drew coverage from media outlets across the U.S. It produced several NBA players from its previous editions and the program's alumni include Devin Harris, Jamal Crawford, Jason Terry, Nate Robinson, Trey Burke, and Kevin Martin, among others.

"All these guys (camp participants) have different playing styles and that was what is cool about playing here. I got to pick up a few things from different people. Most importantly, I learned new ways to attack the defense," said Mendoza, who led the MHS Dolphins to back-

ball away from the latter and threw the leather to the sprinting Freddie Pelisamen. The former CNMI National Team player nailed the fastbreak layup, upping MJD's lead to 3, going into the last 8.7 seconds of the game.

This time, KB Market pressed the panic button and ironically was pressured to attempt a triple to send the game into overtime. Basa inbounded the ball, which later rolled back to the sideline as Pelisamen tapped a return pass to the former from Leo Galarse. Pelisamen then made another defensive stop, as he hounded Lerio Pagarao, who momentarily lost possession in the ensuing play, before picking it up and throwing a long triple that hit nothing but air as time expired.

Meanwhile, the Sonics held Maplas to one field goal in the entire first quarter to set up the easy win.

Maplas was limited to a solitary point in the first eight minute and change of the opening canto off Ronald Rueda's charity before Rodolfo Barrios finally gave the team its first 2-point basket at the 1:17 mark with his

up and under move. However, Maplas was held to another free throw after that, leaving the Sonics with a 12-4 lead.

The Sonics kept going with its younger and taller crew pounding Maplas, whose offense was still in disarray in the remaining three quarters.

### Tuesday Game

**670 Sonics 78** – De Guzman 20, Dela Rosa 12, Sto. Domingo 11, Lansang 10, Palacios 8, Fidelino 7, Tekopua 5, Flores 3, Cadiang 2.

**Maplas 50** – Rueda 23, Baluyot 8, Corong 7, Morales 3, Salazar 3, Usi 2, Jumaquio 2, Reyes 2, Barrios 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 12-4, 29-18, 50-31, 78-50.

### Wednesday Game

**MJD 90** – Pelisamen 25, De Guzman 16, Estolas 15, Lizama 13, Bautista 9, Gapor 8, Ruloked 2.

**KB Market 87** – Duenas 31, I. Devero 20, Basa 12, Galarse 5, Santos 4, C. Devero 4, Pagarao 4, Manglona 4, J. Devero 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 11-26, 34-46, 58-70, 90-87.

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Matt Duenas committed the first miss with his shot from downtown going in and out. He later gave up a foul on Jun Estolas off a fastbreak play and the latter made both charities to slice the deficit to a hair, 86-87, with still 48.5 seconds left in the match.

KB Market tried unloading another shot from beyond the arc, but Preston Basa hit an airball from the left key, awarding possession to MJD, which sued for time to set up for the go-ahead basket. When the game resumed, Estolas went for an isolation play from the right key before feeding Jack Lizama, who popped out from the right wing for the jumper that gave MJD the lead, 88-87.

Now down after mugging an 8-point lead midway in the fourth quarter and enjoying a double-digit advantage in the first half, KB Market did not call a timeout and instead went for another long-distance shot. Basa faltered anew and Duenas picked up the long rebound, but Estolas managed to wrestle the



# Armatech romps past Erika's/Ferrera

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Armatech coasted to a 68-50 victory over Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders, 68-50, during their masters game in the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Tuesday at the San Antonio court.

Armatech's shooters made it easier for the team to beat Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders, as gunners James Abuy, Martin Moreno, and Manny Duenas combined for more than half of the squad's total

output. Abuy fired 18 points, including back-to-back triples in the fourth quarter to finish off their foes, while Moreno and Duenas chipped in 17 and 11, respectively. Team captain Bong Malasarte was the fourth Armatech player to hit double figures, as he matched Duenas' production and held his ground against Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders frontliners.

Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders absorbed a beating at the hands of Armatech after a so-so game in the second quarter. Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders was behind by only 8 at the end of the first period, 13-21, but scored only 6 markers in the sec-

ond canto, allowing Armatech to pull away at the break, 37-19.

The debuting Armatech never looked back from thereon, as Abuy and Moreno alternately led the team's offense in the second half.

Melvin Villarin had 17 points in a losing cause for Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders, which drew 13 markers from Joseph Gatdula.

Meanwhile, two other teams also had their first game in the U18 division with GMI Market nailing an 86-77 victory over JWS Drive.

JWS Drive led at the end of the first three periods but GMI Market had the last say after

mounting a comeback in the fourth frame.

Lefty shooter Jethro Cruz anchored GMI Market's rally in the fourth, as he knocked in 12 of his game-high 28 points in the payoff canto. GMI Market was behind by 4, 56-60, before Cruz took over in the fourth and gave his team the victory. Ignacio Borja also helped out in the final canto, scoring all his 8 points in that recovery.

## Masters Game

**Armatech 68** – Abuy 17, Moreno 17, Duenas 11, Malasarte 11, Pablo 8, Gabaldon 3.

**Erika's/Ferrera 50** – Vil-

larin 17, Jo. Gatdula 13, Ja. Gatdula 5, Manabat 5, Lopez 4, Illahi 2, Lansang 9, Borja 1, Tabora 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 21-13, 37-19, 47-38, 68-50.

## U18 Game

**GMI Market 86** – Cruz 28,

Alipio 15, Kintaro 10, Rios 8, Borja 8, Ong 7, Santos 4, Siech 4, Atalig 2.

**JWS Drive 77** – Factor 18, Espinosa 16, Arciaga 14, Muna 8, Deocares 8, Flores 7, Tekopua 4, Subang 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 16-21, 41-43, 56-60, 86-77.



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Armatech's Dindo Pablo goes up for a left-handed layup against an Erika's Catering/Ferrera Builders defender during their Masters game in the San Antonio caging last Tuesday at the San Antonio court.

## Barit, Cultura top weekly darts, billiards tourneys

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Jeff "Joker" Barit and Nolan Cultura topped their respective weekly darts and billiards tournaments held last Wednesday at Jonny's Bar & Grill in Garapan.

Barit overcame the challenge of Alfred Hocog to rule the one-day double-elimination round weekly darts competition.

Barit went undefeated on his way to the finals. He defeated Paul "The Flash" Quizon, Jun "Shocker" Santos,



K.J. Villagomez, and Erwin Claveillas to clinch the first berth in the title match.

Hocog, his finals opponent, lost his opening match against Matt Santos to drop to the loser's bracket.



He then clawed his way back dispatching Leo Wania, Jun "Shocker" Santos, Pete Togawa, Richard Santos, and Villagomez to earn the right of facing Barit for the weekly championship.

Barit, for going undefeated, enjoyed a twice-to-beat advantage against Hocog and lost the first match to force a you-or-me showdown.

He then made the necessary adjustments with his game to end Hocog's bid for a Cinderella finish.

Barit won \$100 and a trophy, while Hocog settled for the \$70 runners-up prize and T-shirt.

Ray "Udas" Cepeda, Vince "Vinsanity" Sablan, Gilbert Gatmaitan, Boom "Bang" Cruz, Patrick "Tako" Taitano, Claro Bicol, and Darrol Atalig were the other players who joined last Wednesday's tournament.

In billiards, Cultura proved to be the week's Pool King after breezing past his opponents. He dispatched veteran cue artists Boyet Sequioco, Jerry Soriano, and last week's champion Rey Hermogenes to secure a finals seat.

Joseph Achas arranged a championship match with Cultura after beating Ray Matsunaga, Rowel Mariano, and Hermogenes in the loser's bracket.

Achas, who beat Rodel Dela Cruz in the first round, lost to Hermogenes in his next match to drop to the loser's bracket.

He then exacted revenge against Hermogenes to secure a championship match against Cultura.

Pacific Amusement, Inc. organizes both weekly darts and billiards tournaments in cooperation with Marpac, Bud Light, and Budweiser.

The next location of the weekly competitions will be announced at a later date. For more information, call Warlee Ellama at 233-4397 or 285-5967.



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Jeff "Joker" Barit, left, and Alfred Hocog pose after their finals match in the weekly darts tournament last Wednesday held at the Jonny's Bar & Grill in Garapan.



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Nolan Cultura, right, and Joseph Achas pose for a photo after their championship game in the weekly billiards tournament last Wednesday held at the Jonny's Bar & Grill in Garapan.

## PIC dodgeball tourney on Nov. 21

The annual Pacific Islands Club dodgeball tournament is set on Nov. 21, Saturday, and not Oct. 24 as reported yesterday.

Teams will have seeding matches at 9:30am at the PIC tennis courts while the double elimination and knockout games will be played in the afternoon.

Sixteen slots are reserved for all public and private elementary schools on the island were they must field teams composed of five boys and five girls from first to fifth grade.

PIC Sports, Entertainment, and Activities director Glenn Policare said they decided to

include all grade levels to keep the teams balanced.

Policare, who is also the tournament director, added that this year Seventh Day Adventist Dental Clinic, Bridge Capital LLC, and PIC shouldered the registration fee.

The winning team will take home the perpetual trophy. The Top 2 schools will be receiving sports goods, while all students will get tournament shirts and free lunch.

For more information and how to get the registration packet, call Policare at 247-5148 or email him at glenn.policare@picsaipan.com. (Jon Perez)





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## Kobee preps up for college hoops



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Kobee Mendoza, left, joins fellow CNMI player Chris Mizer for a photo during a break in The Hoop College Bound Showcase in Salem, Oregon last weekend.

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Former Marianas High School stand-out Kobee Mendoza is getting ready for college basketball as he attended a camp and signed up for a high school team in the U.S.

Mendoza joined The Hoop College Bound Showcase in Salem, Oregon last Oct. 3 and 4, keeping pace with his fellow high school players and trying to impress college scouts and coaches who attended the skills camp.



"The players run games in front of college coaches, basically for exposure purposes. There were about 80 guys there. Playing in this showcase gave me an idea of what I'll be

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## MJD takes early lead Sonics win

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MJD Corp. pulled off another close victory, while the 670 Sonics made it to the win column in the open division of the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League.

The Sonics eased past Maplas, 78-50, last Tuesday at the San Antonio court to bounce back from their debut loss to

MJD, which now leads the East Division with its 2-0 record following a 90-87 triumph against KB Market last Wednesday.

MJD grabbed the victory from KB Market after overhauling a 3-point deficit with less than a minute left in their match. KB Market collapsed as it gambled from the 3-point area and paid the price after missing three successive attempts.

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## World University vet wants to introduce archery

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The Olympic sport of archery may soon be played in the CNMI as former collegiate archer Rachel Bouchillon aims to teach the basics to anyone interested.

Bouchillon, who is new on Saipan, attended last night's Northern Marianas Sports Association monthly meeting where she introduced herself to the members.

She said that she bought her old equipment when she arrived on Saipan and she wanted to

start a program.

"I'm still new here on the island. I'm still trying to get a feel of everything. But I am interested in starting a program," said Bouchillon, who works at the Coastal Resource Management.

She represented Team USA in last year's World University

Archery Championships in Legnica, Poland, where she competed against top archers in the recurve event.

"I was selected for Team USA in last year's World University Championships. We are 12 in the team with three men's and women's in the compound and recurve events," added the University of Florida alum.

"Anyone who wants to learn archery, I am willing to share my skills and knowledge. I'm already thinking on how to get more equipment. Like get a grant or something," said Bouchillon.

NMSA president Mike White welcomed Bouchillon and advised her to attend the monthly meetings, set up a federation, and become a member of the CNMI sports governing body.

He also informed her that she should get in touch with Pacific Islands Club Sports, Entertainment, and Activities director Glenn Policare if ever she wanted to have a temporary training facility.

PIC has an archery range but it is used mostly for recreation by hotel guests. The facility, however, was damaged during Typhoon Soudelor.



Rachel Bouchillon, right, competes in last year's World University Archery Championships in Legnica, Poland.



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The Sonics' Renan Lansang stops and pops for a shot against the outstretch arm of Maplas' Dennis Morales during the second quarter of their open division game in the San Antonio caging last Tuesday at the San Antonio court.